

Diane Keaton looks back to the Woody Allen years and forward to harder times finding the right parts

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Winter of discontent

Crisis management has become Mikhail Gorbachev's stock in trade, but can he manage to survive?

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Inheritances are likely to reach £55 billion annually by the end of the century, mainly because of the rise in property values



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Britons in Kuwait told: stay in hiding

Champagne jet flies out to fetch hostages

By MICHAEL THEODOLOU IN NICOSIA AND ANDREW MCEWEN IN LONDON

A BRITISH Airways Richard Cheney, the Ameriplane flew to the Middle East last night to collect hostages after the Iraqi assembly rubber-stamped President Saddam Hussein's decision to free all foreigners.

The Boeing 767, laden with food, champagne and medical supplies, was diverted to Amman after being refused entry to Baghdad by Iraqi authorities, who said their state airline would fly out the

British Airways hopes to bring the first of 1,200 Britons home this afternoon, but diplomats said it could take several days for visas to be issued. The Foreign Office advised those in hiding in Kusait to grapin so Kuwait to remain so.

Both sides in the Gulf confrontation continued to bolster their forces yesterday, in spite of the renewed hopes of peace engendered by the decision to release the hos-tages. The planned direct talks between America and Iraq also hit a snag when Washington said it would not set up a meeting between President Bush and the Iraqi foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, until a firm date was agreed for James Baker, the Secretary of State, to see President Saddam.

HARRY Greenway, the Conservative MP for Ealing

North, was yesterday charged

with seven offences of accept-

ing bribes from a railway

officials. The charges come

after an investigation by Brit-

ish Transport Police into allegations of corruption

involving British Rail con-

Mr Greenway, aged 56, was released on police bail. He

said last night: "I am aston-ished by the decision of the

Director of Public Prosecu-

tions to bring charges against

me. I intend to contest the

charges and to make my

defence at the proper time.

Meanwhile I propose to serve

my constituents in Ealing

North with the same diligence

The Crown Prosecution Service said the decision to

charge Mr Greenway had been

taken by Allan Green, QC, the

Director of Public Prosecu-tions. The MP was charged

with "seven offences of brib-

ery at common law in viola-

tion of his duty as a member

of parliament. It is alleged he

corruptly accepted gifts from Plasser Railway Machinery (GB) Ltd and officers of the

company." Each charge names Norbert Jurasek,

managing director for the

company, and Michael John

Brooks, a director, and the

company corporately.
On Tuesday, Mr Jurasek,
Mr Brooks and a third Plasser

executive, Ronald Norman,

appeared at Bow Street mag-

istrates' court with David Currie, British Rail's former

director of civil engineering,

accused of bribery, corruption

and conspiracy. They will Railways Board is appoint appear with Mr Greenway on by the transport secretary.

I have always shown."

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

Richard Cheney, the American defence secretary, asked formula being floated infellow Nato members to send volved an Iraqi withdrawal more troops to the region, from all parts of Kawait apart "the sooner the better", al- from the contested Rumaila though he told a meeting of oilfield. In exchange the Iraqis alliance defence ministers that would be given a pledge of the Iraqis could be forced out non-aggression by the allies of Kuwait without them. So and the possibility of leasing far, only Britain and France two Kuwaiti islands to give it have sent ground troops, access to the Gulf. Egypt announced that it was increasing its military forces behind the scenes at the ten-in Saudi Arabia and the nation Organisation of Arab United Arab Emirates this Petroleum Exporting Counmonth, taking the total to tries meeting that opens in

Saddam has sent a further solution and Egypt says that 30,000 troops to Kuwait and Southern Iraq to reinforce the 430,000 already dug in.

Saddam has sent a further will attend and Egypt says that any attempt to block Kuwaiti participation will fail. A European diplomat said: "If the As the military build-up continued apace, church leaders in Britain, including the Archbishops of Canterbury and Westminster, issued a joint statement expressing doubts about the use of force. The document said that most Christians agreed that war could not be a moral option unless all attempts at a peaceful solution were exhausted. Even then, the consequences of war should not be out of proportion to the injustice that prompted it. "We are not convinced that the first con-dition has been met and the

Greenway: astonished

at the allegations

January 15.In the first charge

Mr Greenway is charged with

accepting airline tickets for

himself and three members of

his family to go to Switzerand

and Austria and back in November 1984. The MP is

alleged to have supported a

British nationality application

by Mr Jurasek and claiming

falsely to have known him for

three years. In the second

charge the MP is accused of

accepting airline tickets to

Austria and back for himself

and four members of his family in May 1985.

Other charges allege that he accepted tickets in September

1985 for an exhibition by the

Spanish Riding School at

Wembley in return for using

his influence over the appoint-

ment of the new chairman of

the British Railways Board

and that he took airline tickets

to Munich and back for

himself and family in Decem-

ber 1985 as payment for using

his influence over the new chairman of the board.
The chairman of the British

Railways Board is appointed

leave Iraq and Kuwait. British Airways, which had a crew trapped by the invasion, swiftly sent a Boeing 767, but a British diplomat in Baghdad said the flight was extremely premature. "We haven't got fulfilment of the second poses people to put on it."

The Iraqi embassy in London said that all hostages had the right to leave immediately, and Latif Nassif grave difficulties," it said. Meanwhile, inter-Arab dip-MP charged with al-Jassem, the information minister, said the freedom offer included those in hiding in Kuwait. "They must not be afraid." But the Foreign Office accepting bribes

advised the 450 Britons in They would be advised through the World Service when the government thought it safe for them to emerge. The Foreign Office said that exit visas would probably not be available until the decree

had been signed, and usually took five or six days to process. There has been no indication that the visa rule might be waived. However, iraqi Airways has laid on a jumbo jet instead of the usual maller aircraft for today's flight from Baghdad to Amman. Fifty-five Britons are

known to be ill, and the government believes many others will need counselling to cope with psychological prob-lems. Many are likely to return with no money or job, and some will have nowhere to live. In normal circumstances, people being repatriated are required to sign a form accepting that the costs could be reclaimed later. The Foreign Office said this had been waived, although in some cases employers may be asked to reimburse the government. America announced last night that it would withdraw

its diplomats from its besieged embassy in Kuwait after they had finished helping all Americans who wish to leave the country, although the mis-sion would officially remain open. A decision on the diplomats in the British embassy will be taken once all the understood that John Weston, the ambassador, and Larry Banks, his sole remaining

> Democrats fear, page 8 Anthony Parsons, page 9 Last month Letters, page 11 points behind.

colleague, are willing to stay.



Honour for a lady: Margaret Thatcher at the RAF Museum, Hendon, after it was announced that she has been given the Order of Merit Below: Mrs Thatcher, OM

Soviet military meetings fuel emergency rumours

in the army paper, Krasnaya Zvezda (Red Star), which said

be tougher on the organisers

and participants in mass dis-

orders and speed up the

drafting of new rules for the

use of firearms and other

day Marshal Yazov, the de-

fence minister, presided at a

meeting of officers from the

army, interior ministry

troops, the KGB and the

railway force. The meeting

addressed an "appeal" to

servicemen, their parents, and

state and social organisations,

pledging loyalty to the whole

country, calling for public

support and emphasising the

great consolidating poten-

An extensive report on the

Yazov meeting was published in Krasnaya Zvezda yes-

terday. While the talks appear

to have concentrated on the

social problems facing service-

men, it also seemed designed

to boost morale in advance of

Yesterday, republic leaders

were called to a top-level

meeting at the defence min-

istry to hear about the military

reform plans. A ministry

spokesman denied reports

that the meeting was to dis-

cuss co-ordinated action by

the republics in the event of a

proposed military reforms.

tial" of the armed forces.

On Wednesday and Thurs-

special means by the police".

Soviet Union so volatile.

army and interior ministry "anticipation and curbing of not by the regular army, but by forces to impose a state of emergency, should the volatile warranted only a short report situation in the country deteriorate.

The speculation began with the appointment of General Boris Gromov, a military commander as deputy interior minister last Sunday. It has since been fuelled by an musual series of high-level military meetings, to discuss discipline in the armed forces and in the country at large.
On Tuesday and Wednes-

Electricity breaks record The electricity privatisation is now assured of a place in the record books, with more than 8 million applications processed by yesterday lunchtime and the total set to go as high as 12 million once counting is

> Details, page 32 **England** win England beat New Zealand by

heavily scaled back.

World Series Cup cricket match yesterday to avenge an earlier deseat.

completed. Allocations will be

Report, page 25 Tory lead

The Conservatives had an eight-point opinion poll lead over Labour last night in the BBC Newsnight Poll of Polls. Last month they were 14

SPECULATION has grown in day a meeting of interior state of emergency being de-Moscow in recent days that ministry officials and troops clared. He gave the not very President Gorbachev is pre- from all over the Soviet Union convincing reason that "states paring to mobilise the Soviet was held here to examine the of emergency" were enforced

> Mr Gorbachev has had since April the legitimate authority to impose a national state of emergency after parmass disorders was one of the liament passed a law "on the legal introduction of states of factors which today made the The paper said the meeting had emphasised the "need to emergency". As yet there is no hard evidence that he is considering this measure except as one of several options open to him as winter advances.

> > Mafia share-out, page 7 Saturday Review, page 10 | cent of its income.

US and EC are blamed for Gatt

From Peter Guilford and

THE world trade talks colrecriminations yesterday after the failure of last-minute efforts to find a compromise

Negotiators will reconvene in Geneva next month, but the US has warned it will not attend unless a firmer basis for agreement had first been established. American negotiators said there was now a real danger that Congress would invoke protectionist powers to retaliate against

trading partners.

Carla Hills, the US trade representative, accused the European Community of "economic warfare". Ray MacSharry, the EC agriculture the US for trying to "orchestrate a crisis" without any serious intention of working

The collapse followed the EC's dismissal late on Thursday of a Swedish agriculture compromise which would have doubled overall farm cuts. The community insisted it was offering specific ceilings on subsidised food exports. It was also ready to boost farm imports by a further 3 per cent and drop plans for new oilseeds tariffs.

But Neal Blewett, the Australian trade minister who spoke for the 14-nation Cairns group of leading farm export-ers, said the EC had never even tabled its offer.

Frans Andriessen, the EC foreign trade commissioner. said the US had shown "no give and take" over agri-EC agreed progress had been made in other fields, including services and textiles, copyright and investment, and dispute procedures. The EC hopes the Geneva talks can build on this

DONDON: Sir Simon Gourlay, the president of the National Farmers' Union, blamed the breakdown on the Americans and other countries which had consistently refused to enter into real negotiations on issues such as financial services, textiles, patents and trademarks (Michael Hornsby writes).

Lady Wilcox, the chairman of the National Consumer Council, thought the Americans had "behaved deplorably", but accused the EC of putting the negotiations in jeopardy to appease farmers, who accounted for only 8 per cent of the community's workforce and less than 3 per

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> **BOUCHERON** PLACE VENDOMI

Jeweller in Paris ance 1858

Sir Denis's lady to remain Mrs Thatcher, OM prime minister, is the first to be Debrett, said yesterday. Although the

By ALAN HAMILTON

THE Queen has awarded Margaret Thatcher, the longest serving of her nine prime ministers, the Order of Merit, the highest accolade for achievement that she can offer. At the same time John Major has created her husband Sir Denis Thatcher by the conferment of a hereditary baronetcy.

Lady Thatcher intends to remain in the Commons and would like to be known still as plain Mrs. She said yesterday that she was honoured and moved by the Queen's decision, and delighted and thrilled at the recognition of her husband's eleven years of support. Mrs Thatcher will receive her honour in a private audience at Buckingham Palace on a date yet to be announced; Sir Denis will enjoy no ceremony, and will receive his letters patent in the post. Outgoing prime ministers are traditionally offered a life peerage, but Mrs Thatcher has always made it clear that she wishes

The Order of Merit, which was founded by King Edward VII in 1902, is in the personal gift of the sovereign, and is limited to 24 members, many of them outstanding figures in the arts and sciences. Previous prime ministerial holders were Lloyd George, Churchill, Attlee and Macmillan. The order has always been quick to recognise women; one of its first

holders was Florence Nightingale. Buckingham Palace said yesterday that the conferment of such an exclusive award on Mrs Thatcher was in recognition of her outstanding service as the Queen's prime minister for more than eleven years.

The OM brings only a badge on a

blue and crimson ribbon, which Mrs Thatcher will doubtless display over formal evening dress. "It is limited to people of genuine merit, and carries no precedence, rank or title. It is, however, very prestigious indeed," David Williamson, co-editor of

highest award for tangible achievment in the Queen's gift the Order of Merit is still outranked by the higher orders of chivalry, notably the Garter, also limited to 24 members. Several previous prime ministers, including Lord Wilson of Rievaulx and Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, have been invested with the Garter by the Queen, but there is no vacancy.

There is no reason, however, why Mrs Thatcher could not be offered the Garter at some future date. For the time being she will be known, at her own wish, as the Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher, OM, FRS, MP, or plain Mrs Thatcher to her friends. "That is how I have been known throughout my 31 years as an MP, and that is how I would like to continue to be known. I have done pretty well out of being Mrs Thatcher," she said yesterday.

Sir Denis's baronetcy, which although approved by the Queen is at the instigation of the incumbent

created since Sir Graeme Bell Finlay. a former Conservative chief whip, was so honoured in 1964. The baronetry will pass down the Thatcher male line. On Sir Denis's death, his son will become Sir Mark Thatcher.

☐ The other current holders of the Order of Merit are: the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, Dorothy Hodgkin, Lord Zuckerman, Lord Penney. Dame Veronica Wedgwood, Sir Isaiah Berlin, Sir George Edwards, Sir Alan Hodgkin, Lord Todd, Lord Franks, Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, Sir Andrew Huxley, Sir Sidney Nolan, Sir Michael Tippett, the Rev Prof Owen Chadwick, Graham Greene, Frederick Sanger, Sir Frank Whittle, Sir Yehudi Menuhin, Prof Sir Ernst Gombrich, Dr Max Perutz, Dame Cicely Saunders, and Lord Porter of Luddenham. Mother Teresa is an honorary member.

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Letters. Saleroom Guide Weekend Money

MP calls for root-and-branch reform of Commons hours

with its earliest finishing time being 10 30pm. On many occa-

sions sittings go on much later. On

Friday the House sits from

9.30am until 3pm. However,

standing committees discussing

legislation and select committees

scrutinising the work of depart-

ments do operate in the mornings

on Monday to Thursday.



AND ROGER WOOD

PARLIAMENT'S working hours should be changed to encourage women to seek election and make MPs work more effectively, a Labour MP urged yesterday.

The Commons should rid itself of old-fashioned working prac-tices and start operating like a modern legislature rather than a gentlemen's club, Harriet Harman told MPs. She said that while tradition was important it was time for Parliament "to move out of the 17th century, into the 20th century and prepare itself for the 21st century". She said: "Some House of

Commons traditions hold us back. We need to change to work more effectively. We can hardly tell business and industry that

they need to change their patterns of employment if we find it impossible to change our patterns of work." The shadow health minister said that the existing parliamentary hours were oldfashioned, deterred women from seeking election and "exiled" men

from their families.

John MacGregor, Leader of the House, agreed on the need for more women in Parliament, but said that working hours were not the only obstacle. He said he was willing to consider proposals for change, but they had to make sure that reforms did not add to working hours instead of reducing them. Mr MacGregor is believed to be anxious to reform working practices but doubtful about the chances of improving the hours. The House begins work at

2.30pm Monday to Thursday

Miss Harman, who is married with three children, said that the best option for change would be for the Commons working day to be from 9.30am to 5.30pm. But she said this would cause diffi-culties from MPs from constituencies outside London who had to balance constituency work with commitments at Westminster. Her two alternatives are for the Commons to sit from 2.30pm to 10.30pm on Monday, from 11.30am to 7.30pm on Tuesday,

Wednesday and Thursday, and to sit from 9.30em to 3pm on Friday or from 11.30am to 7.30pm Monday to Thursday and from

9.30am to 3pm on Friday. Criticising the existing Com-mons hours, Miss Harman said they deterred women from seeking entry to the House because they found it difficult to combine family responsibilities with the pattern of work. "One of the most awful thing about this place is seeing male MPs speaking about the family, and what everyone else should be doing. But one of the preconditions for most people for coming into this place is abandoning their family, or in the case of male MPs, delegating it to their wives. People do not want to hear lessons on family life from people who would hardly recognise their

election addresses at general election time."

Miss Harman said that the after-dinner atmosphere in late debates reduced some arguments to a shambles and that very few MPs could claim to be "at their best" in the small hours of the morning.

Opponents of change argue that afternoon sittings allow time for committees to meet in the morning and for ministers to work at their desks in Whitehall. They also say it would limit the outside interests, particularly jobs, that MPs could hold.

Rejecting these arguments, Miss Harman said ministers rarely attended the House for questions other than those involving their own department; mem-

look at their picture on their choose between attending the chamber or committee when there was an afternoon session of their committee and that it was ludicrous to frame working hours to suit MPs with outside interests.

Parliamentary hours vary enormously among member states of the European Community. In Denmark the parliament sits at 1pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, at 10am on Thursday and at 10am or I lam on Friday. There is no sitting on a Monday. The Italian and French parliaments start at 9.30am, the German at 9am, in the United States at 11am or 12 noon, in Greece at 6pm unless there is a key bill. In Spain, the Speaker decides the timetable but important debates start in the afternoon while in Ireland, the Dail sits on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 10.30am.

British Rail gives go-ahead for first freight village

BRITAIN'S first purpose- freight competitive with road and increase its access to freight terminal, capable of handling up to 800,000 tonnes of exports and imports a year, will be built in Wakefield, south of Leeds, British Rail

announced yesterday.
The new £200 million, 200acre complex, which will include gantry cranes for switching containers from road to rail, warehousing facilities, and local delivery services, is the first of up to 12 regional freight terminals British Rail is planning to build throughout the UK.
Each terminal, known as a

regional freight village, will offer British industry fast, regular, and efficient rail freight services to many European destinations. When complete, the network of freight villages could remove more than 400,000 lorry journeys each year from Britain's congested road network.

A typical rail freight journey between Wakefield and Milan, for example, will take 36 hours, reducing present road freight journey times by two days, thereby making rail freight for the first time since continental markets after the construction of the nat- 1992. Some critics of the scheme insist, however, that freight villages will be in-British Rail is at present sufficient to prevent the marginalisation of local economies in the north of

England and Scotland.

John Prescott, Labour's

transport spokesman, has said

that while Britain's track

gauge is the same as conti-

nental track gauge, Britain's loading gauge, which governs the height and width of the

wagons that can be taken

through tunnels, under

bridges, and past lineside

structures, is considerably

smaller than on the continent.

Consequently, there is a dan-

ger that freight arriving by rail

from the continent will be

forced to switch to the roads

British Rail says that

construction of a "continental

the Channel tunnel up the spine of Britain would be

prohibitively expensive,

commercially unviable and

would take decades to com-

slete. By contrast, the rail

freight village network can be in place when the Channel

tunnel begins services in 1993, and at a fraction of the cost of

the more ambitious schemes.

that because of restrictions in

which probibits the use of

subsidies for the development

of international passenger and

freight services, the regional

rail freight terminals will be

built only if they can be

The Wakefield terminal is

expected to create up to 4,000

jobs, which could increase to

10.000 if it succeeds in attract-

ing new businesses. The

announcement was greated

with enthusiasm in Wakefield,

an area which lost some

17,000 jobs during the 1980s

ecause of the contraction of

proved to be viable.

British Rail says, however,

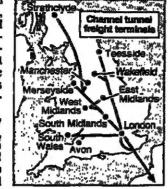
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before it arrives in Britain.

negotiating with prospective private-sector partners over possible locations for the remaining freight villages, which are being planned for Strathclyde, Merseyside, Teesside, Manchester, the East, West, and South Midlands. South Wales, the West Country, and London.

The freight villages are seen by manufacturing industry as entail if Britain is to gain



Hundreds brave cold to aid the homeless

HUNDREDS of people in 41 towns and cities slept out in the open last night on one of the coldest nights of the year to highlight the plight of Britain's estimated 150,000 who do not have a roof over their

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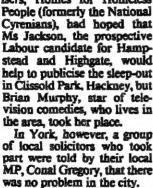
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heads (David Young writes). Glenda Jackson, the actress, had to drop plans to launch the start of the sleep-out in an east London park because of her mother's death, but in of local solicitors who took other towns dozens of people spent the night in parks and on MP, Conal Gregory, that there town hall steps. The organ- was no problem in the city.

isers. Homes for Homeless People (formerly the National Cyrenians), had hoped that Ms Jackson, the prospective Labour candidate for Hampstead and Highgate, would help to publicise the sleep-out in Clissold Park, Hackney, but Brian Murphy, star of television comedies, who lives in the area, took her place.

In York, however, a group



the coal industry.

Ian Brown, British Rail's ail freight director, said: This is an exciting vision for the future. We believe that the Port Wakefield freight village will be a springboard for new opportunities, helping our customers to develop and add value to their businesses."

Mystery of extra crew on flight

By KERRY GILL

THE mystery over the identity of the extra crew member on the Pan Am flight that was blown up over Lockerbie remained unsolved last night as the judicial enquiry was ad-journed until January 22. The Dumfries enquiry was told that there should have been 12 cabin attendants on

flight 103 to New York on December 21, 1988, but it was discovered that a thirteenth crew member was on boardwhen it left Heathrow. Michael Sullivan, the airline's director of flight services at Heathrow, said he found out when he checked the purser's list after the bombing in which 270 people died. He said the normal cabin crew for a Boeing 747 was 13, but there should have been only 12 on that flight because of the

number of passengers. The question about the crew emerged when Mr Sullivan was cross-examined by Marina de Larracoechea, whose sister Nieves, aged 39, was a stewardess on the flight. Asked why there had been 13, Mr Sullivan said he did not know. Miss de Larracoechea asked if it was possible that an extra person could arrive at the airport and, without anyone else knowing, join the flight crew. Mr Sullivan replied: "It should not happen, but it appears to have hap-



Major is content to remain the same plain 'plug-ugly'

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

yesterday that he intended to remain the same "plug-ugly that he always had been.

On his local radio station the prime minister dismissed any suggestions that he would allow the image-makers to get at him. But his disparaging description of himself sent Westminster observers to the dictionary. Had Mr Major inadvertently lifted a veil on a hitherto concealed part of his past? Plug-ugly, says Collins, means "extremely ugly." However, it is also American slang for a city tough or ruffian and was originally applied to "ruffians in New York who attempted to exert political

The prime minister's rise to the top appears to have been blameless. He has certainly made few enemies on the way. If he has used rough tactics nobody seems to have no-

JOHN Major told the world ticed. It seems, therefore, that have to take me as I am. The he must have been recalling a description used by his father, Tom Major, of the vaudeville double-act Drum and Major, who toured musical halls and circuses in America as well as

> Whatever the source, the remark shows Mr Major's determination to stay as he is and casts even greater doubt on reported recent sightings of Sir Gordon Reece and Tim Bell, Mrs Thatcher's PR handlers, near Downing Street. He said of image-makers:

> "They have neither approached me, nor are they going to get at me. I shall be the same plug-ugly that I always was." The lowering of his voice, which some have noted, was due to a cold, he said. "Even chancellors and prime ministers are not immune from the common cold.

image-makers will not find me under their tutelage.

Given Mr Major's desire to do things his way it was in keeping that he should give his first lengthy broadcast interview since his election to BBC Radio Cambridgeshire, which covers his constituency.

Yesterday he made his firstpublic appearance there since becoming prime minister. He opened a packaging department at a mushroom plant near Peterborough. Later most of Glinton in

Cambridgeshire turned out to watch him plant a tree marking the connection of the village to the gas network. Peter Grindrod, the primary school headmaster, said none of his pupils was old enough to have seen a male prime minister be-fore. "The question has even been asked whether a man was

Suicide inmate 'was fine' on the day before

SCHOOLBOY who hanged new evidence yesterday about himself in Swansea jail, south Wales, had seemed perfectly normal 24 hours before his death, a prison doctor told an inquest yesterday.

Dr Russell Jones said prison staff disagreed with the opin-ion of social workers and probation officers that Phillip Knight, aged 15, was a suicide risk. He claimed an earlier incident, in which the boy had slashed one of his wrists, had been a "formal expression of resentment and anger".

Dr Jones was giving evi-dence on the second day of the inquest into the death of the schoolboy who was found hanging from a knotted sheet in his cell in July after being remanded on theft charges. He told the inquest that he saw nothing in the boy's mood the day before to suggest that he might commit suicide. The iail's suicide prevention group had found it "most disconcerting" that an inmate's mood could change so quickly.

However, the court heard

Sutcliffe no ripper, wife says

PETER Sutliffe did not deserve to be called the Yorkhis 13 victims humanely in an attempt to save their souls, his wife Sonia said yesterday,.

Under cross examination on the fifth day of her High Court libel action against the News of The World, Mrs Sutcliffe said: "My view of this, and also in this instance there is police research, is that when my husband killed these people ... he was in the belief that those people were im-moral, and he had a mission, and he was saving their souls from leading the sort of lives

they were leading.
"I think not 'The Ripper', because my husband believed he killed them humanely in that when he took a hammer to the back of their heads they died instantly and be did not torture them when they were alive. That was his

understanding."
Mrs Sutcliffe, aged 40, of Bradford, West Yorkshire. is suing the newspaper over an article alleging that she had a affair during a Greek holiday with George Papoutsis, described by the paper as a double

She was being questioned by Barbara Jones, a journalist, who went with Mrs Sutcliffe on the holiday and has been ioined to the court action by the paper. The hearing resumes on

night appointed Gerald

Howarth, a right-wing mem-ber of the No-Turning Back

Group and former committee

member of the Monday Club,

as his parliamentary aide

(John Winder writes).
Also last night, Michael
Heseltine, environment sec-

retary, announced that Wil-

tiam Powell, Conservative MP for Corby and one of his

active supporters in the

leadership campaign, is to be

of her husand.

concern over the boy's wellbeing in jail. Joseph Dowdall, principal child care officer for Dyfed county council, told the inquest on Thursday that social workers had relayed their fears to prison staff on

precautions had apparently been taken. John Morgan, the West him: "In your profession judgment, you never consid ered him to be a suicide risk?", The doctor replied: "Yes, that

the day the teenager entered

the prison. However, no extra

The court has heard that the boy, who was adopted, was taken into care in June 1989, He subsequently made it attempts to escape from chidren's homes.

☐ Penal reformers urged the Home Office not to "sit on" a report by Judge Stephen Tumin, the chief calls for urgent action to reduce the level of suicides.

The Home Office received the report about a week ago, but it is understood publication will not be before the New Year. It is understood Judge Tumim will claim the suicide toll reflects the poor conditions many inmates suffer, and the unacceptably high number of people in jail with mental disorders. He will also call for a tightening of suicide

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Unionist's gesture to republic

A former Unionist Lord Mayor of Belfast is urging the city council to invite the new president of the Irish Republic

to a civic reception. The move by Councillor John Carson has divided the toyalist-controlled council but stands little chance of being accepted. Yesterday he announced his intention to table a motion next month proposing that Mary Robinson, who took office in Dublin on Monday, be invited to the city early in the new year.

Palace intruder

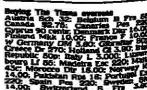
A man was arrested by armed members of the royal and diplomatic protection squad in the grounds of Buckingham Palace yesterday afternoon and taken to Bow Street police station. It is thought he scaled a wall to get in the grounds. He is expected to be charged over the incident. A palace spokes-man said that the Queen was not at home at the time, though the Duke of York may have been.

Attack on fans

A Metropolitan policeman working under cover among Arsenal football fans took part in a motorway attack on rival Tottenham supporters, a court heard yesterday. PC Michael Harris, aged 27, of Grays, Essex, helped to force off the road a car with Tottenham supporters, Knutsford crown court was told, dismissing his appeal against an earlier conviction for reckless driving and a suspended jail term.

Hospital dispute Staff at Britain's three high security mental hospitals will

be locked out by management today unless they undertake 10 work normally after a dispute over travel allowances. Male nurses at Ashworth, Merseyside, staged a sit-down strike yesterday when three men were suspended. Similar action was planned today at Rampton hospital, Nottinghamshire, and possibly st Broadmoor, Berkshire.



I am what I am and people will allowed to be prime minister." Chalker rewarded with extra duties

By ANDREW McEWEN, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

terday, eight days after she turned down a seat in the cabinet and the deputy chairmanship of the Conservative Party.

She retains her job as minister for overseas development but also takes on five departments of the Foreign Office, covering the whole of the Commonwealth and sub-Saharan Africa. The move combines the subjects that interest her most, and goes a long way towards explaining her decision to stay out of the cabinet.

Her extra duties stem not from the leadership change but from Sir Geoffrey Howe's resignation from the cabinet. which caused a reshuffle. William Waldegrave, whose responsibilities included Africa, left the foreign office to become health secretary and was replaced by Douglas Hogg. Douglas Hurd, the foreign

A BIG increase in the secretary, decided to redistribresponsibilities of Lynda ute the portfolios of the five ministers under him, rewarding Mrs Chalker for hard work and ability. He knew that Africa was her favourite subject, and that she knew more about it than any other minister. It was her responsibility before she became minister for overseas development. The Commonwealth fitted naturally with it because many of the sub-Seharan nations are

Commonwealth members. Mrs Chalker knew that this had been decided before John Major called her to Downing Street. The question was not whether she would be prepared to give up the new (but unnanounced) role to take on the deputy chairmanship, but

whether she could do both. Mrs Chalker is understood to have decided that this would be impractical. As minister for overseas development she spends up to 100 days a year travelling abroad.



Chalker

travel a lot within Britain. The decision will be welcomed at the foreign office, where Mrs Chalker is regarded highly. The departments under her wing cover the Commonwealth and central, east, west and southern Africa. She remains Mr Hurd's deputy at the foreign office.

would have required her to

his parliamentary private secretary. Both jobs are unpaid but seen as valuable steppingstones to higher office. Mr Howarth has been an MP since 1983, representing Cannock and Burntwood, He already has experience at the an aide to Michael Spicer.

Mr Powell's previous specialisations in his seven years in the Commons have been in foreign affairs. He is a barrister and has been parliamentary private secretary to the minister for overseas

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One of the new government's "wettest" ministers, deputy chairmanship Sir George Young, housing

Seven officers who beat man in pub brawl are dismissed

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

Metropolitan police for distribunal recommendation his ear, dragged outside and calling for the men to be kicked unconscious.

history. Last night a Yard spokesman said: "This repreto the top to rid itself of ling £300,000, since shortly officers who abuse their positions of trust. Behaviour like In January 1989, the Directhis will not be tolerated tor of Public Prosecutions Officers need to know they are decided there was insufficient working alongside decent, honest respectable people."

The men, who had been suspended on full pay since Scotland Yard's Investigation shortly after the attack at the Limes public house in Hackney, east London, three years ago, are Alan Barr, Paul Caddy, Peter Clissold, Paul Wells, David Thompson, Simon Haw and Carl Simon, All were constables in their 20s at City Road police station and they were yesterday removed from the police pay-roll.

The tribunal, including two members of the Police Complaints Authority and Terry Siggs, a deputy assistant commissioner, last month found the officers guilty after hearing of events while they were off duty in November

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SEVEN police officers accurated of attacking and beating allegations. According to eviational beating a man unconscious after a dence an argument developed tried to have the High Court brawl in a public house were in the public house and Gary appealing to the High Court last night thrown out of the Stretch, a driver from Hoxton, Metropolitan police for dis-creditable conduct. Sir John Stretch, aged 27, was hit over Dellow, the deputy commis- the head with a broken beer sioner, accepted a disciplinary glass, which partially severed

He was temporarily blinded The dismissals are the largeby the beating, and spent five est number in recent Yard days in hospital while his ear was stitched up and his neck put in a brace. At one stage he sents the intention of the was told he could face charges. whole Metropolitan police The officers have remained from every police constable up suspended on full pay, total-

Police Complaints Authority then supervised the inquiry by



In this country alone cus-

toms officers have seized over

300 kilos of Turkish heroin in

recent months, compared with

a haul of 331 kilos of heroin

for the whole of last year. Last June a full-time British cus-

toms lisison officer was sent to

The heroin is not Turkish in

frontier areas of Afghanistan,

Pakistan and Iran. Raw opium

The biggest problem for

investigators lies in plugging the smuggling routes. A long-

distance lorry can drive from

slip from Turkey, through

An alternative route passes through Hungary and Czecho-

slovakia into Germany Last

year a key checkpoint between

Austria and Germany handled 4,900,000 vehicles, including

380,000 long-distance lorries.

earlier this year claiming too much time has passed since the incident but they lost the

Raju Bhatt, Mr Stretch's solicitor, said yesterday his client was dissatisfied with the delays in the case. "If this case shows anything at all, it is the inadequacies of the whole system which is available for people who suffer police wrongdoing," he said. Mr Stretch is bringing a civil action against police for assault, wrongful arrest and

Mike Bennett, chairman of the Metropolitan branch of the Police Federation, said officers had little faith in the disciplinary system, which they did not believe was fair or independent, "I know some of the seven feel they have been very badly treated. There are two sides to the story but the tribunal decided they were not fit to be police officers and we have to accept that decision."

The seven may appeal against their dismissal and have 21 days to lodge notice with Kenneth Baker, the home secretary. He will then appoint a tribunal consisting of a QC, a retired chief constable and a retired officer up to the rank of inspector, which is likely to order a rehearing of evidence. The tribunal then reports its conclusions to Mr Baker to make a final decision



By horse to petition for stag hunting

Anthony Trollope Bellew, chairman of the Quantock Staghounds, riding through London yesterday with his wife Annabel to deliver petitions to the National Trust urging it not to ban deer hunting on land it controls.

Lest month members passed a vote calling for a ban at the trust's annual general meeting, and next week the matter is to be discussed by the 52-man governing council of the trust (Michael McCarthy writes). Although the vote is not binding, the council will be under pressure to take ac-count of it.

A ban would mean an end to stag hunting in Somerset's Quantocks, and would threaten the sport of another pack, the Devon and Somer-set, which bants on Exmoor. The third West Country pack, Tiverton, is not likely to be affected.

The petitions, one signed by 250 landowners, the other 3,700 local people, say that without the controlling influence of stag bunting the

Dolphin dispute over Judge attacks 'waste' of 2p trial

could be flying off to a new life in the Caribbean by Christmas, animal welfare campaigners claimed after a court hearing yesterday.

Mr Justice Harman, the High Court judge asked to settle the dispute over the 23year-old dolphin, accepted an undertaking from the Flamingo Land aquarium in the case after counsel for
North Yorkshire and its Flamingo Land gave the
owner Peter Bloom that, subundertaking and said it had no ject to Ministry of Agriculture claim on Rocky.

ROCKY the veteran dolphin regulations, they would not prevent the animal welfare organisation Zoo Check from flying the dolphin to the Turks

The judge cancelled an emergency injunction granted last Saturday which prevented Flamingo Land from interfering with Zoo Check's plans.

A SENIOR judge at the cen- of public time and money." made a machine gun noise

tral criminal court yesterday criticised the thousands of pounds of public money wasted in bringing to trial a man who refused to pay a 2p

Judge Bruce Laughland, QC, said at the conclusion of the two-day case: "Each court costs at least £25 a minute to run, not including counsel and solicitor's fees. Pursuing this matter and holding a trial by jury was an unjustified waste umbrella at the cashier and threatening behaviour.

This will cost the taxpayer an and drove off. The cashier estimated £13,500.

Gonaz, aged 31, of central Gonaz was arrested a few London, filled up his car with minutes later. £10 worth of petrol but accidentally put in an extra 2p being charged with possessing worth. When he refused to pay an imitation firearm, affray the two pence, an argument and threatening behaviour. followed with the cashier at The judge ordered not guilty the garage in Hackney, north London.

stimated £13,500. pressed the panic button, The court heard that Keith which alerted police, and

The incident resulted in his verdicts to be entered for affray and the firearms charge. Gonaz pointed his rolled-up Gonaz was found not guilty of

Balkan connection alert for Interpol

By OUR CRIME CORRESPONDENT

EARLY next year the head of traffickers targeted Italy, every national drugs squad in Spain, Germany and Britain. Europe will gather at Interpol headquarters in Lyons, France, for an emergency meeting. Only one subject will be on the agenda; how to stem the flow of heroin pouring into Europe from Turkey.

This week's discovery by customs officers at Dover of a hidden in a lorry from Turkey origin, although the country will raise few eyebrows in does grow some opium poppy Lyons. Over the past year crops. The opium source lies drugs squads have been alert in the Golden Crescent, the to the risk of Turkish heroin flooding into western Europe and the growth of the Balkan is smuggled to Turkey for

Last spring analysts warned that between 70 and 80 per cent of the heroin reaching European markets was produced by clandestine laboratories in eastern Turkey. The warning was timely. Over the summer months Interpol officials have been alarmed by

Istanbul to Amsterdam, the main drugs entrepôt for Europe, on 2187 miles of arterial road. The lorries can Bulgaria, into Yugoslavia and then via Austria into the EC. drugs seizures in Europe as THE SUNDAY TIMES Ingham the loyal

were like schoolboys trying to suppress a fit of the giggles at morning assembly.

leaker

Ingham, even redder in the face than usual. made his way back to his pew. After the service he slipped away through the throng of journalists and politicians and was lost in the crowd on Fleet Street."

Robert Harris, from his unauthorised biography of Bernard Ingham, in The Sunday Times tomorrow.

Art is still smart

talking about any old private views, with warm white wine and soggy Ritz crackers, held in those funny parts of London that aren't in W1, or SW something-or-other. A commissionaire stands at the portals to keep out the

riff-raff . . . " Kate Saunders on stylish art, in The Sunday Times

Test Selector Win up to £6,000 in The Sunday Times tomorrow by playing the ultimate cricket

game. Tomorrow's Test Selector is Greg Chappell.

ELV1S goes for £66,000

who does not own a car, yesterday bought the ultimate in pop music number plates -ELV 1S. Mr Lane, an avid fan of the

late Elvis Presley, paid £66,000 for the number. "I have a leased company car so now I will have to go out and buy a car of my own. A pink Cadillac would seem appropriate," he said. Mr Lane, aged 47, a com-

puter information systems manager, of Brighton, said: "I applied to the Government to buy the ELV IS plate in 1976 but they refused to sell it. It has been a long wait." The number had been expected to break the record of £176,000. which was paid for IA last

Nearly 800 people attended the sale at Christie's of 69 registration numbers by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (DVLA), which raised a total of £1,313,950 with buyers' premium. The highest price paid was £88,000 for the number 1S which went prices were subject to 15 per cent VAT.

The prime minister miss out on the sale of MAJ 1D which went for £24,000 and The Interpol meeting could be crucial. One official said yesterday that with free trade and movement between east the chancellor was not there to DEB 1T (£8,800). Other num-bers sold included SUS 1E for £35,000, 300 SL (£60,500), 1GG (£21,000), 1SPY (£16,000), H2 EAU (£10,000).

and west already under way, drug trafficking could become the most profitable illegal enterprise in Europe. Pay as you earn

told very plainly

THE Inland Revenue and the Department of Social Security are to receive awards on Monday from the Plain English Campaign for producing forms that are easily understood. It is the second time both

organisations have gained the honour, although their representatives have in the past been given the campaign's Golden Bull awards unintelligible gobbledygook.

The Inland Revenue's award is for PAYE form P161, Getting a Pension for the first time. The social security's commendation is for a pack explaining attendance allowances.

The four other organisations winning Plain English awards this year are Customs and Excise for a leaflet explaining customs allowances; the Department of National Savings for a staff guide entitled Writing Plain English in National Savings, the Employment Service, for leaflets dealing with disability and employment; and Welwyn Harfield council, for a housing

handbook. Certificates will be presented by Willie Rushton, the comedian and cartoonist, in London on Monday,

but he will also be handing out seven new Golden Bulls. One goes to Banbury Homes and Gardens of Oxford, which sent a customer a 13-line letter that could have been contained in three lines. Another goes to the Department of Employment, nominated by

Alice Mahon, the Labour Dominion Insurance Company managed to create confusion in comparatively few words, writing: "We consider only work that is normally carried out by an insured to be work that is capable of delegation and

not work that is of a

different nature from that

they carry out." Munipal General Insurance Ltd, another winner, contributed: "Please note that due to a new system, the first call will be on or within seven days of the renewal date of your policy, but the last call for this years [sic] premium will be one month before expiry date. This differs to last year when the first call was at the beginning of the following month and the last call at the beginning of the month of expiry of your policy. Consequently two calls may

be made in one month."

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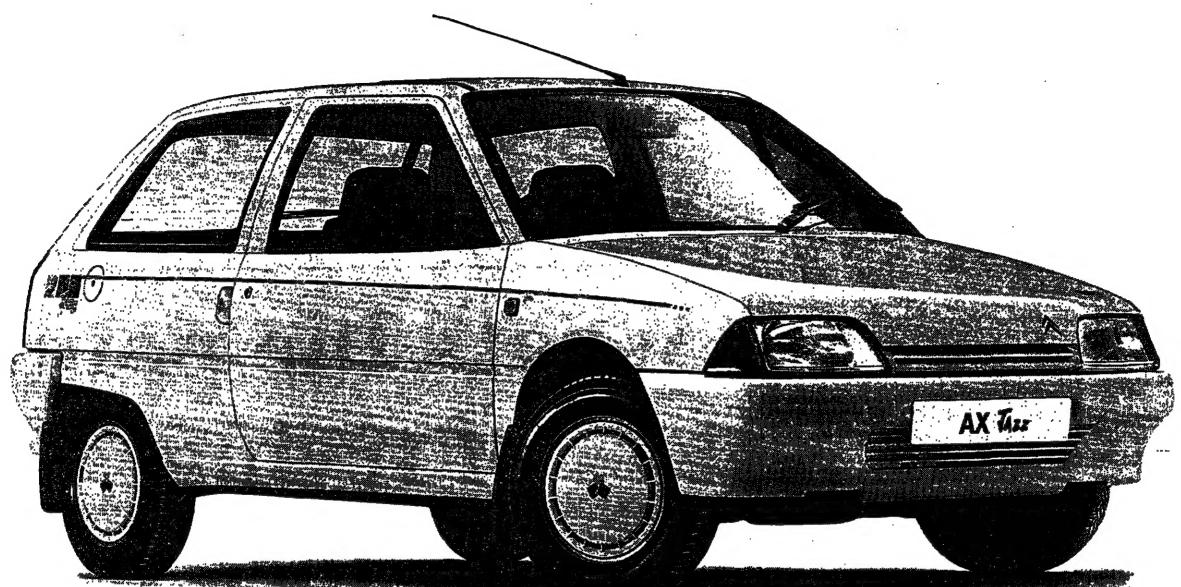
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Heseltine told that poll tax changes now may raise bills

By Douglas Broom, Local Government correspondent

warned yesterday that any goes to the polls. major changes to the commu-

is known to be considering process." concentrating attention on the the shortfall. need to make the tax more

MICHAEL Heseltine, the Next April's bills could well be non-payment this year were

environment secretary, to

Steve Nally, the federation's

anisation, which has already

held demonstrations at the

barbaric medieval measure.

"No one in this day and age

should be sent to prison for

poverty, especially as the

Court at Grantham jails charge evader

GRANTHAM, still best press for the release of Mr known as the birthplace of Wright and is also to ask Britain's first woman prime Michael Heseltine, the minister, has now gained notoriety by becoming the first town to jail a citizen for non-payment of the poll tax. secretary, said that his org-

Bryan Wright, an un-employed builder, of Grantham, Lincolnshire, was court, regarded the prison jailed for 21 days yesterday for sentence on Mr Wright as a what Jill Speechley, the Grantham magistrate, described as "his wilful refusal and culpable neglect" to pay his community charge.

whole issue of the poll tax is He admitted owing a total debt of £345.21, which in-ciudes legal and bailiffs costs. now under review," he said. "It is ridiculous that Mr Wright should face spending The poll tax set by the local Christmas in prison when the South Kesteven council is poll tax is now seen as having £277, one of the lowest in the been discredited."

A spokesman for South Mr Wright, a single man in Kesteven District Council his twenties who lives with his said: "We take no delight in parents, told the court that he being the first council to take had been out of work since last the action which led to a week following a driving ban defaulter being put behind being imposed in the same bars. We would rather be the court. Miss Speechley said first conneil to have everyone that the figures he gave pay up. But we hope this showed that until this week he action will act at a warning to had £50 a week disposable others. We feel that many people could now find the income from which he should money and pay the tax." have paid his community

charge. The All Britain Anti Poll Tax Federation said yesterday that it is planning to stage a find themselves subjected to mass demonstration in "a campaign like they have Grantham next weekend to never known before".

environment secretary, was the last before the country parily the result of late billing

However, the Conservative- in the poll tax system by the nity charge system before next controlled Association of Dis-government. April would increase pol! tax trict Council said yesterday bilis for most people.

Although Mr Heseltine has that only straightforward reforms could be accomthat only straightforward re-forms could be accom- year would add £47 a head to said that it may take up to two modated "at this late stage in years to reform the poll tax he the local government financial The association said short-term measures to iron that substantial changes out some of the unfairness in would mean late bills and the system before next year's reduced cash flow, forcing

changes that would affect next bills go out. The prospect of an councils to borrow on the year's bills are severely limearly general election is money markets to make up ited. Most observers believe that he will go for changes in the benefit rules to help the The Audit Commission said least well off. This would not only prevent additional government money fuelling

higher spending by councils but would also be cheaper. Exempting all those who currently pay only 20 per cent of the charge would cost £500 million. By contrast it would cost £1 billion to reduce average bills by £28 a head through additional central grant to local authorities.

caused by last minute changes

The association said ves-

next year's poll tax bills and

predicted that the effect of

serious delays next April

Mr Heseltine's options for

would be worse still.

David Thorpe, a director of Bull computers, which supplies poll tax collection systems for 35 authorities, including Birmingham, Man-chester, Leeds, Bradford and Liverpool, said: "Any changes would produce a knife-edge situation for some councils. The first poll tax instalments are due in April and if the bills do not go out in time the consequences are very serious indeed. They lose a whole month's income.

The situation will be made worse next year by the government's decision not to repeat a scheme operated this year by which councils got the bulk of their central grant in the first half of the financial year to cushion late payment.

Bull will be sending out its software package to councils on January 15, and councils expect to be able to issue bills in mid-March in time for the first instalment payment on

Ian Denhoim, a director of McDonnell Douglas which supplies computer systems to 50 local authorities said: Gary Freeman, secretary of the Nottingham Anti-Poll-Tax "Anything other than the very Union, said the council would simplest change would not be ready in time for the bills to go

Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Road to Waterloo: the British Army and the Struggle against Revlarge model of the Battle of Waterloo. Napoleon's favourite charger, Ma-Chelsea, London. The skeleton and covering 420 sq ft and including over the saw used to amputate the Earl of rengo, went on show yesterday at The 70,000 figures. The model, which has

Road to Waterloo, a new permanent exhibition at the National Army

Uxbridge's leg are two of the more not been on show for 30 years, has 1793-1815, is open every day (Sun bizarre exhibits, which include a been restored. The exhibition, The afternoons only), admission free.

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Rising religious interest reflected by churches

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER

THE surprising growth in the churches over the past 20 and Hexham and Newcastle the Third World, justice and from 30.801 in 1986 to 30,864 number of communicants in years has slowed. the Church of England reflects a trend that is being felt in Council reported yesterday Britain's other leading churthat about 1,350,000 people ches, according to figures pub- attended mass regularly in lished this week.

week by the Church of England show the first official in 1987, a decline from a peak increase in church attendance since records began. Although neither Roman Catholics nor methodists can report an increase in members, the decline which has taken place at their though Westmister, Liverpool involved in other activities like

The Catholic Education

England and Wales last year. Details released earlier this That compares with 1,380,000 week by the Church of Eng- in 1988 and 1,400,000 million of nearty 2,100,000 in 1952.

wark, the attendance at mass increased from 117,855 in 1988 to 119,744 last year al-

upon Type showed a decline. prayer is on the increase. I A similar pattern appears in the total Catholic population doubt an increase in interest 4,200,000 last year compared last ten years. A considerable to 4,240,000 in 1988 and nearly 4,300,000 in 1979.

Father Philip Carroll, assistant general secretary of the the community roll has de-Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, said: "There is no feeling of empty churches. The percentage of the Sunday mass congregation

have noticed without any England and Wales: in spiritual matters over the interest in the transcendent has developed."

In the Methodist Church, clined from 1,340,000 in 1986 to 1,320,000 last year. Church membership has fallen from 450,000 to 431,000. However, baptisms have increased each

Outly of Mary, Devon.

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last year. The Methodist Church has also reported an increase in lay workers and local preachers.

A spokeswoman said: "It is clear that the church is good at attracting people to the work. the deline in membership, although there is a slight easing. The church has got

Trial date fixed for Scargill

ARTHUR Scargill, the miners' leader, and Peter Heathfield, secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, are to face trial on charges of failing to keep proper union records.

Magistrates in Sheffield, South Yorkshire, yesterday adjourned the cases and fixed June 17 for the hearing. It is expected to last a week. Mr Scargill is accused of

wilfully neglecting to ensure proper records were kept and aiding and abetting Mr Heathfield in doing so. Mr Heathfield is accused of failing as an NUM officer to discharge his duty in relation to the union's accounts.

The NUM is charged with not keeping proper accounts. and not maintaining a satisfactory system of control and accounting records.

Tourist attraction

objectors.

"There will be nothing to Motorway Services, said. The to the Eden district planning

would contain conference rooms, display areas, shops

the many leisure and tourist 'earth sheltered" structures.

would employ about 100, but itfaces strong objection from residents in the village of Beneath the field at Stainton near by. They say Slapestones near Penrith there they would not welcome any is planned a £6 million dev- commercial intrusion in open elopment covering almost six countryside or the dirt and acres that would promote the disturbance that 400,000 vis-

to go underground

By RONALD FAUX

culture and explain the her- itors would bring.

overcrowded "honeypots" and into the neglected northern fringe of the Lake District propose to bury the scheme beneath a field to pacify local

entrance. Nothing else will strike the eye," John Dunning, director of Westmorland company has put the scheme

DEVELOPERS of a Cum- itage of Cumbria. The three brian centre designed to at- levels of the development in a tract tourists away from the man-made 50ft high cavern and a restaurant. "The centre would point to

attractions this area offers and the artistic and craft activity see but rolling grass, grazing that goes on" Mr Dunning sheep and an inoffensive cave said. Consultant to the scheme is the architect Arthur Quarmby, an enthusiast for The Slapestones centre

Experts say Mersey barrage plan would endanger ships

QUEUES of a hundred ships could occur on the Mersey if plans to build a barrage to generate electricity from the tides are given parliamentary approval, a report dis-closed yesterday.

A team of Dutch coasultants, which carried out research commissioned by the river's three main shipping users' groups, concluded that the barrage might also increase navigational dangers, lead to heavy build-up of silt, and undermine the economy of docks near by. The users' groups announced that they would seek talks with Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, to discuss their concerns. The report compiled by

by Port Advisory Services with Delit university and Delft Hydraulics Labor-atory, said: "In the construction stages snips will encounter high current velocities, not only in front of the locks but also in parts of the shipping lanes." It added:
"This will require highspeed ships, which will mean that tues will be unable to control a vessel in the case of an engine or rudder failure." The Mersey Barrage Com-

pany (MBC), a consortium of more than 20 local and

national companies, hopes to lay a bill before Par-

Concern over plans to generate 'clean' power by harnessing the Mersey's tidal force is examined by Nick Nuttall

liament next year to build a £800 million power scheme to produce "clean" electricity from the river's tides. Backers of the scheme

believe that the project will also play a key role in revitalising one of the country's more depressed areas by creating thousands of jobs in construction, tourism and leisure. It would be the first electricity-generating barrage in Britain and could act as a catalyst for other schemes around Britain's

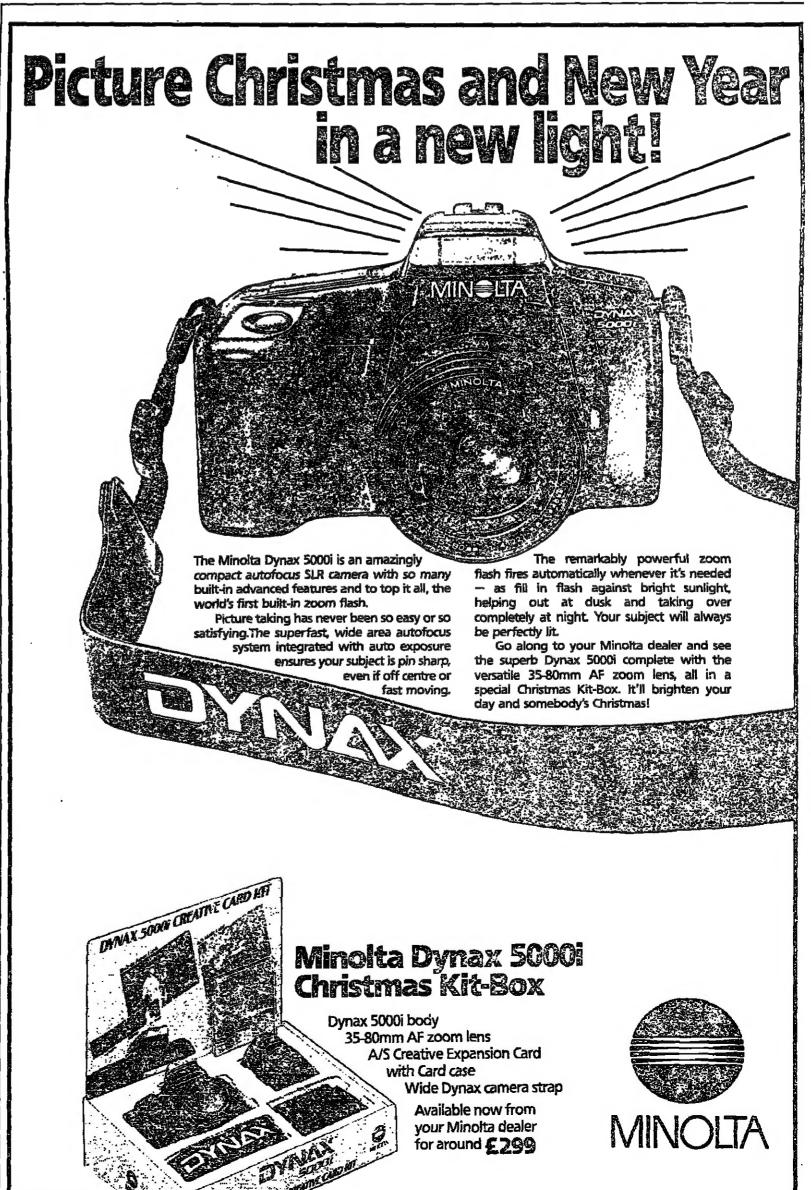
James McCormack, general manager of the barrage company, said that he had issued instructions for experts to compare the Dutch findings with those of engineers working with river barrages in Europe and the United States. He said that many of the apparent problems identified by the users' consultants had already been addressed by their own team. We believe the latest design changes, which re-

locate the turbines and revise the sluices proposed, already answer many of the criticisms," Mr McCormack

The company had recognised from the outset that the 700-meggawatt scheme. capable of saving 750,000 tonnes of coal a year, would only get parliamentary approval with the support of local interests. The new study, bowever, commissioned by the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company, the Manchester Ship Canal Company, and Shell UK, estimated that up to 30 potentially dangerous incidents could occur annually after construction of the

The researchers said that such incidents could arise through the operation of the tidal barrage's turbines and sluices, as well as from shifts in currents, tides and eddies caused during the barrage's construction. Other fears concerned dangers to shipping from floating construction equipment and craft.

The findings are expected to be passed through the transport department to an exceptional ministerial committee that is examining the effects of the scheme on employment and the environment as well as technical



Jensey, 1771.

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could show the way for other threatened sites. says John Young ON A hill about a mile and half from Avebury, the Ridgeway, the ancient path across the Berkshire and Wiltshire Downs, comes to an abrupt halt at the A4. Immediately opposite, the famous avenue of eolithic stones leads to the great

stone circles on the edge of the

A patch of newly grassed ground marks the site of a former transport cafe, demolished by the National Trust, which bought it earlier this year after the government rejected plans for a hotel and conference centre. That was round one to the conservationists who are seeking to prevent developers from moving in on one of the great ancient monuments of Europe. Round two is being fought just

listed farmhouse stands empty, surrounded by derelict farm buildings and overgrown weeds. That

too, is the site of a proposed hotel and conference centre, the subject

of a public enquiry that ended 18

months ago. Although the prop-

erty is now in receivership, the

environment department has yet

to announce a decision. The two-

acre site was sold to the would-be

developer for £985,000 and, with

planning permission, could be

within the village itself, at the

SIX police officers involved in the

Hillsborough disaster yesterday

won the battle to have their legal

representation paid for at the

South Yorkshire Police Au-

thority had previously refused a

request for legal costs from the

men, a chief superintendent, three

superintendents and two con-

stables. However, at yesterday's

meeting in Barnsley the authority

It will mean that the officers,

Chief Superintendent

including the commander at the

David Duckenfield, will not have

to pay for lawyers at the inquest,

which is expected to continue

Sir Jack Layden, the authority

chairman, said the decision had

been reached because of new

information presented to the

meeting. The officers had been

covered by insurance policies for

FOOTBALL supporters dived be-

neath police horses to join a crush

outside Hillsborough football

ground on the day 95 people died,

an inquest in Sheffield heard

PC Stephen Fry told the hearing

that mounted police officers had

formed a cordon across the en-

trance to the Leppings Lane

turnstiles because of the crowd

pressure, but people anxious to see

legal representation and once the force were simply to maintain

those funds were exhausted the existing services. Mr Wells out-

Fans dived under horses

inquest into the tragedy.

reversed the decision.

until March.

worth up to £7 million.

Elizabethan Avebury Manor, where Ken King, a builder and

developer from St Albans, has

fallen foul of the planning laws.

After buying the house in 1988,

Mr King set about building an

estate office, a courtyard of shops

and workshops, a garden centre

and other additions without seek-

ing planning permission. Work

was halted on the orders of Kennet

Ken King photographed last year in front of the listed Avebury Manor, which he bought in 1988. He has been convicted of making unauthorised alterations to it

Hillsborough police

win inquest costs

By Peter Davenport

authority would give the required

Richard Wells, chief constable

of South Yorkshire, said after the

private meeting: "I am pleased

and relieved at this decision, "It

will now mean that these officers

ere not disadvantaged in the level

of legal representation they can

Mr Wells warned, however, that

seriously curtail" the ability of

In a report to the authority he

government spending limits could

his force to deal with major

incidents, disorder and serious

said that the financial measures

would also "markedly reduce" the

effectiveness of day-to-day polic-

ing. Under government limits for

1991-2, the force can spend £54.6

million before facing capping. A spokeswoman for the authority

said yesterday that that would

leave a shortfall of £4.5 million if

were diving under the bellies of

police horses. "Some people

could see the sense of the police

appeal to stand aside but there

were others who were incapable or

just didn't care," Mr Fry added. Earlier, Ralph Salt described as

absurd estimates that up to 5,000

pints of beer were sold from his

pub on the afternoon of the

disaster. He estimated sales at

about 1,000 pints to between 200

financial assistance.

Under the CFE inspection protocol details are arranged down to the equipment approved for checking that no one is cheating. In addition to the usual armoury of cameras, binoculars, tape recorders and tape measures, the CFE inspectors will be allowed to carry laptop computers to record their observations. Mind you, I don't suppose we will be using laptons in the Soviet Union when it's freezing," Colo-nel Roy Giles, Jacig's commandant, said. "We will probably

staff skills, Colonel Giles showed

off military personnel, supposedly from a country called Lincolnia, dressed in flying suits and combat jackets and pretending to be East European inspectors checking on Tornadoes and Saxon armoured vehicles at the

The 96 Russian-speaking inspectors at Jacig are supported by 28 personnel. When the CFE treaty is ratified by the 22 countries, probably in May, the inspectors from Scampton will form teams of nine and be ready to start their work. "They have all undergone recognition courses, so that they know the difference between the T72 tank and a T55," Colonel Giles said. The commandant, aged 52, a Russian speaker for 30 years,

teams arriving from three sepa-rate East/West agreements. on the same day," Colonel Giles Apart from CFE, there is the Stockholm agreement, enforced

from January 1987, which allows foreign inspectors into Britain to observe military training ex-ercises, and the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, involving Soviet checks on the two cruise missile bases at Greenham Common, Berkshire, Molesworth, Cambridgeshire.

signed only by the United States and the Soviet Union, Britain has to supply Russian interpreters and escorts to monitor Soviet visits to this country. "There is no link between these agreements," Colonel Giles said. "So you could

Jacig teams went recently to France to carry out a practice inspection of two French bases. Another team, wearing a Stock-holm hat, went to Minsk in the Soviet Union to observe a military exercise. A few days later a Soviet inspection team, led by one Colonel Trofimov, turned up at Bulford, Dorset, to watch tank training, also under the Stockholm agreement.

The CFE rules over the region from the Atlantic to the Urals, which means that any British base in the treaty-limited area is

do INF checks at the same time as others are visiting under Stock-

subject to inspection.

That includes the sovereign bases at Cyprus and the military facilities in Gibraltar, withough neither is a signatory to the CFE

Council bars sale of artefacts

By Sarah Jane Checkland, art market correspondent

tor, said, "In the event Mrs Mitchell withdrew the statue and

About 20 items were still sold,

however, because of the impos-

sibility of proving they had been

in the garden since 1948, as the

revised rules on listed buildings

require. "When we removed the

items from the house we were

told the listing didn't apply to the

Sotheby's, said. The auction

Chris King, for

es earlier this week. The trust has been buying land to safeguard their setting and is to return downland to pasture

three other items."

GARDEN statuary from Avebury Manor narrowly escaped auction by Sotheby's, after intervention by Kennet council.

The items, which included a 19th-century marble figure of a classical muse listed in its own right and valued at £8,000, were transported for sale at Sotheby's Sussex on September 25. The vendor was Mrs Mitchell, who lives with Mr King.

"We served an enforcement notice, threatening High Court action," Mark Boden, the coun-

English Heritage. That is proving a somewhat uneasy partnership. Meanwhile, the trust has been buying as much land as possible in the area to safeguard Avebury's incomparable setting. An appeal launched lest year has all but reached its £750,000 target and allowed the purchase of a further 500 acres, bringing the total to 1,500 acres. The agricultural receshouse has been criticised recently of the land was bought as an investment at a time of soaring prices; growing arable crops on the

artificial fertilisers, and is confident that wild flowers and insects will quickly return to the meadows. Tenants will be allowed to grow crops in the valleys to

provide a pattern of fields and

basis of its claim that the theatre

was not returned to its original

state after the show's run, a

standard requirement in theatre

Time, starring Cliff Richard and

a hologram of Lord Olivier, ran at

the Dominion Theatre in Totten-

ham Court Road for two years

until 1988. Although it grossed

£15 million and was seen by a

million people, it was a financial

the show remain in the theatre.

The auditorium is still painted

black, it has a drop ceiling, and

the walls bear traces of scenery. A

chandelier that was dismantled for

the production was never re-

placed, although the stage was

Mr Clark said that ticket sales

were lost because of the in-

efficiency of the theatre box office.

Mr Justice Millett ruled yesterday

that the box office had been

seriously undermanned and Rank

was in breach of its contractual

obligation to run the box office

efficiently. Mr Clark hailed the

judgment as a victory for "the

small people in the industry, the

new producers" and described the

Rank, however, said: "That he

only got 3 per cent of his original

claim of £15 million is not a

significant victory, but this will send a shiver through West End

management in case every time a

show flops the producers seek to

The Society of West End The-

atre, which represents the manage ments of 49 theatres, but of which

Rank is not a member, said that

there would be repercussions.

Rupert Rhymes, chief executive, said: "Both producers and man-

agement will have to look very

carefully at their contractual

obligations after this judgement."

of the receiver, with a number of

bids from theatre management

groups, said to range from £5 million to £8 million, being considered. The theatre was to have been demolished by a dev-

elopment consortium that bought

it from Rank to create a hotel and

offices, but part of the consortium

The Dominion is now managed

by Apollo Leisure, which has

made a bid for it. Paul Green, its

managing director, said: "It is a

standard obligation that a theatre

should be returned to the con-

dition in which the producers

found it. Sticking to this sort of

condition is vital to the efficiency

of the West End circuit."

went into liquidation.

The Dominion is in the hands

blame the management."

case, which he began in June 1987, as a "David and Goliath" battle.

cleared of scenery.

Many of the features created for

Producer of Cliff

Richard musical

awarded £400,000

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE theatre producer and former hearings, but the company is pop singer Dave Clark won expected to defend the first on the

contracts.

failure.

hedges, contrasting with the swee

of open downland.

If all goes well, Avebury could

cil's district secretary and solici- for attempting to sell many listed artefacts. After complaints by the Victorian Society, it withdrew five lots from a sale of arms and armour from Thoresby Hall in Nottinghamshire in the summer of last year, but refused to withdraw 268 further lots. The first cousins, from the church of St Charles Borromeo in Weybridge, Surrey, was with-drawn from auction after intervention by the society and English Heritage last January.

sion has worked in the trust's the largest prehistoric monument in Europe, is the responsibility of favour in that most farmers have been only too willing to sell. Much

light chalk soil requires heavy applications of fertiliser and is no longer profitable.

The trust intends to return all the downland to pasture, using no

provide an example of how other parts of the English countryside might return to their traditional use and appearance. "I am quite happy as long as we can stave off unwelcome developments such as

hotels, conference centres and golf courses," Mr Gingell says. "I accept there may be a need for them somewhere, but not in a place like this." MP warns

from toys Nigel Griffiths; shadow consume minister, yesterday called on the government to protect children rom dangerous toys being sold for Christmas after claiming that about 47,000 children are injured

of danger

each year from them. At a press conference at Westminister, where he demonstrated a number of defective toys, Mr Griffiths said that parents should be persuaded to buy toys

from reputable outlets. "Action is needed to tackle those unscrupulous manufacturers who seek to avoid prosecution by putting a suggested minimum age on a product that is clearly intended for younger children." he said.

Operation award Jean Howell, aged 35, of Armley,

Leeds, who claimed a mistake in giving an anaesthetic left her awake during a caesarian operation at Leeds general hospital, was awarded £47,500 damages yesterday after Leeds Western health authority admitted liability.

Anti-hunt action

Sixteen anti-hunt saboteurs and Jason Fazackerley, a Green party prospective parliamentary can-didate for Portsmouth North, have started legal action against Sussex police after charges against them were dropped last month for threatening behaviour at a fox hunt in Petworth, West Sussex.

Factory egg fine

Lincoln magistrates yesterday fined Daylay Foods, of Bilsthorpe, Nottinghamshire, £3,000 plus £5,000 costs after battery hen eggs were labelled as free range at its North Scarle plant near Lincoln.

Welsh contestant

Rod Richards, former Welsh language broadcaster, will contest Clwyd North West for the Tories at the next general election. Nun assaulted

Police hunting two men who kicked and sexually assaulted an Anglican nun, aged 46, in Lime

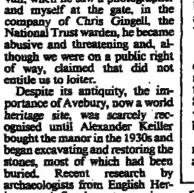
Street, Liverpool, yesterday, have criticised passers-by who ignored her calls for help. Last post dates Tuesday is the last posting date for

airmail to Albania, the Azores, the Balearic Islands, the Canary Is-

lands, Cape Verde, Corsica, Gibraltar, Madeira, Malta, The Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Spain and the Soviet Union.

Theatre move

Sir John Tooley, former general director of the Royal Opera House, has been appointed chairman of the Almeida Theatre Company, London



1ght to save ancient Avebury from modern life

buried. Recent research by archaeologists from English Heritage and Southampton university, using scientific equipment, indicates that a large number of to be unearthed; their work is described in a book, Avebury

court and fined £1,000 on each of a

manor is not clear, but Mr King

has moved to lodgings in the

village. This week he was seen

outside the house with a furniture

van; when he saw a photographer

The present ownership of the

number of specimen charge

district council, whereupon Mr

King applied for retrospective

consent. That was refused and was

the subject of another public

enquiry, the outcome of which is

Since then Mr King has been

prosecuted by the council for

making unauthorised alterations

to listed buildings. He was found

guilty at Marlborough magistrates

lined the impact of cuts on the force and the service it could

deliver if it had to keep within the

If there was a freeze on recruit-

ment the current strength of the

force would fall from 2,998 to

2,878 - 297 less than the last

establishment review recom-

mended and a figure that gives the

authority the worst officer/population ratio of all

metropolitan forces.

The force would also have to

replace lost civilian personnel in

important areas with police offi-

cers, causing a further reduction of

220 staff. The operational effect of

losing so many staff from normal duty by March 1992 would mean a

reduction of 30 officers per di-

vision. Increasing demands on

officers would also exacerbate the

effects of the cuts. In the first six

months of this financial year South Yorkshire dealt with 5,000

more reported crimes and 16,000

more incidents than in the same

cuts, Mr Wells said, would be to

take money from force reserves,

which currently stand at about

£2.4 million. That would, how-

ever, mean the force would be less

able to meet the cost of unforeseen

incidents, such as a disaster at next

year's World Student Games in Sheffield.

lobby local MPs and seek a

meeting with Home Office min-

isters in an attempt to secure extra

for the next financial year.

Members of the authority are to

One way to limit the effects of

period last year.

owned by the National Trust, the maintenance of the principal monuments, including the stones. the long barrows and Silbury Hill,

Government rules 'could end Channel

By NICHOLAS WATT

THE sport of Channel swimming could end because the government is imposing expensive regulations on the small craft that act as escort

The transport department has warned Channel pilots that they must bring their commercially hired boats up to higher standards by complying with existing regulations on low-line certification and

master licences. Mike Oram, a pilot, said it could cost up to £5,000 a boat to comply with the rules. He has had to cancel all his bookings from around the world for next summer. Those included a group of former transplant patients who were aiming to raise £1 million for

He said the transport department was imposing standards for 200-tonne boats on small vessels that were normally accepted as

pleasure craft. The CSA is asking Robert Atkins, the sports minister, to intervene. Ray Scott, chairman of the CSA, said the sport had been going for 116 years and there had never been any complaints about the safety of the boats or the

ability of pilots and crews.

swimming

boats, the Channel Swimming Association (CSA) says.

However, a transport department spokesman said there had been a near miss this year between a swimmer and a ship because the escort boat did not have a loadline limit. The channel was the busiest shipping route in the world. Swimming it was a bit like walking across the M1.



confidence. Rank Theatres would not com-



Dave Clark after his High

Monitors of disarmament prepare their checklists

Conventional Forces in Europe

RAF Scampton in Lincolnshire has been famous for the presence of the Red Arrows acrobatic team. The red Hawks now have a rival in Jacig, the joint arms control implementation group, which although not as glamorous

the match kept on pushing. Fans and 300 people.

is about to play an important role in East-West relations.
Inside the drab buildings at Scampton, 96 men from the three armed services are preparing to spend cold winters in Kiev, Leningrad and Moscow, examining tanks with tape measures, peering into military hangars and recording the destruction of thousands of Soviet weapon systems. Jacig, formally set up earlier this year, is Britain's contribution

(CFE) treaty in Paris last month. Jacig is both an inspection an escort agency, monitoring Warsaw Pact treaty limited equipment and taking Soviet, Bulgarian and other pact repre-sentatives around Britain's mili-

stick to notebooks and pencils." In a demonstration of Jacig

admitted there was potential confusion over what he called

simultaneity. For, once the CFE

treaty is in force, Jacig will have

to cope with inspection and escort Theoretically, they could all fall

Although the INF treaty was

holm or CFE."

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Paper shows how mafia shares out Moscow fiefdoms

Kommersant, a business weekly, this week revealed how the Moscow mafia has carved up the Soviet capital into underworld fieldoms.

Kommersant, which has established, over the past year, a reputation as a hard-hitting and tough-minded reporter of Moscow's seamier side, has even dared to publish a map of Moscow criminal territories. This is a picture of Soviet life in the 1990s.

Suppose you are an ablebodied young Muscovite in search of a challenging job and not averse to physical danger. You could join the police and do your bit for the "tough and unyielding struggle to uphold the law" proclaimed this week by Boris Pugo, the new interior minister who has been hailed by conservatives as a hardliner. For this you will be paid around 250 roubles a month, or £25 sterling at the official exchange rate for tourists, with little compensation for your family if you are

Alternatively, you could carn a basic 7,000 roubles a month as a member of Moscow's bigger mafia clans, with a bonus every time there is a fight and the prospect of eventually being head of a small protection squad on 40,000 roubles a month.

The Russians employ the word mafia rather loosely; opponents of the Communist Party use it rhetorically to describe a political elite which is self-serving and nepotistic, and may also be downright

Another sort of mafia is widely blamed for the massive and increasing diversion of food from the state distribusystem, which has

T<u>wo miles</u>

IN A highly unusual piece of brought such misery to sick is to be believed, the most journalism, which quoted and elderly Muscovites who fearsome mafiosi in the city police and criminal sources, cannot pay black-market are the Chechens, one of

And mafia is probably an appropriate word for a system in which lorries mysteriously load up at the huge state food depots on the outskirts of Moscow and sell their illgotten produce to anyone who is prepared to pay serious

Every Muscovite will tell you the drivers collude with store directors to cook the books and show that the food was in fact delivered to state shops. If any food does get as far as those state shops, the director and all his assistants

© One group does so well out of the

protection rackets, it has ample to reinvest in 'legal' business 9

make sure it never reaches the counter. The real mafia no doubt play its part.

But if the Kommersant report is correct, the hard-core mafia's most lucrative activity is not diverting food from the state as such, but protecting those who are widely accused by the public of doing so -mainly the owners of Moscow's "co-operative" or private restaurants and other

relentlessly denounced the One clan, the Dolgoprudmalia and suffered attacks on nensky group, is said to be her family which she says are doing so well out of the too horrible to describe, confirms that the division of the city into spheres of influence is familiar to everyone in the security forces. well. The division is necessary

protection business that it has ample funds to reinvest in "almost legal" sectors like motor repairs and the construction of weekend cottages. If the Moscow rumour mill

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ersant map. According to the paper, "trespassers" are sometimes shot, and sometimes "fined"; an all-out shooting war was narrowly averted last month. Mrs Ivanova worries that if Moscow's system of denying residents' permits to most outsiders - a move that most of her fellow liberals throur the city will be deluged by drug dealers from the Black Sea and central Asia who will snap up desirable pieces of newly privatised real estate.

dozens of fierce races from the

mountain valleys of the north-

The power of the Chechens

appears to have waned since

they were foolish enough not

to attend a kind of mafia

summit near the Black Sea in.

1988. At this meeting, Mos-

cow was carved up into

spheres of influence by the

Dolgoprudnensky and its ri-

vals in the Lyuberetsky group,

which has since been partly

broken up by police.

Kommersant explains that
the arrogant Chechens, who

threatened to take Moscow

over and thus united all the

other groups against them, should not be confused with

the Ingush, who spring from a

neighbouring Caucasus valley and trade with the Italians in

Another southern race, the

Assyrians, are said to be in

firm control of the drug trade;

while Moscow's Riga or

Rizhsky market, an appar-

ently free-wheeling bazaar for goods of every kind, is divided

between the Lyuberetsky

A new clan, the Solntsevo

group, is said to enjoy in-

fluence over the used-car mar-

ket at Yuzhni Port and a

substantial income from one-

policewoman and Moscow

city councillor, who has

"I know about it perfectly

in a big city, because otherwise

she said when asked about the

they would kill each other,"

Mrs Lyudmila Ivanova, a

group and the Chechens.

fur and leather.

armed bandits.

Wrong, says Kommersant.

em Caucasus.

off, she says, then they should not be disposed of at knock down prices to their employees, as some reformers have suggested. They should be auctioned to fetch the highest possible amount to bolster the city's coffers and help fund welfare schem After all, Mrs Ivanova is

quick to point out, "our Moscow mafia will buy them at any price".



End of the reel: David Woods, the Gatt spokesman in Brussels, surrounded by journalists and cassette recorders yesterday as he announces the indefinite suspension of the conference because of deadlock over EC farm subsidies

Four-year road to Gatt failure

From Michael Binyon and Peter Guilford, brussels

world's leaders early on to realise what was at stake are collapse of the world trade negotiations in Brussels. Both the Americans and the

Europeans underestimated the others' tenacity and stubborn unwillingness to go against the grain of political opinion at home. The European Community was hampered by an inflexible negotiating process that entrusted responsibility to the commission, sheltering European leaders from the direct into their orbit for the first stroy the fabric of the CAP at and personal consequences of time vital areas of the world

meeting in Rome yesterday,

ever, they failed to reach firm

agreement on how this influx

from Eastern Europe and the Third World should be con-

trolled at Europe's external

frontiers and the borders be-

tween EC nations after 1992.

Kenneth Baker, the home secretary. There is growing

concern over the migratory

pressure which is fast building

up all around Europe. Migra-

tion on this scale has never

economic magnet,"

"Europe is becoming an

said

tic expectations, political mis- misunderstood how far the EC finance, transport, telecomcalculation and a failure by the has come together as a single munications, textiles and unit, and by trying to destroy the basis of the common all to blame for yesterday's agricultural policy, only succeeded in rallying EC leaders behind it.

The seeds of misunderstanding were planted in Punta del Este, the Uruguayan resort where four years ago the members of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade launched an ambitious scheme to usher in a new era of trade-based world prosperity. By setting new rules for opening markets and drawing

Migration pact eludes EC

From Paul Bompard in Rome

EUROPE'S interior ministers, been experienced in recent ministers were in favour of a

meeting in Rome vesterday, expressed alarm about the growing pressure of immigration into EC countries. How-

the "Trevi group" series of

meetings. The main themes of

discussion were co-operation

in fighting terrorism, the re-

cycling of profits from crime,

and the search for a common

EC policy on immigration.

The latter dominated yes-

The crucial point was

whether the principle of free

movement within the com-

munity should apply only to

EC nationals or also to citi-

zens of other countries. Most

European history."

terday's taiks.

BRINKMANSHIP, unrealis- failure. The United States economy such as agriculture, struggling farmers. Halfway copyright, they hoped to link all together in a huge bargaining session so that concessions in one area could be balanced by trade-offs in another. Almost from the start, argu-

ments began over agriculture. The main aim of the US was to abolish all export subsidies. which undercut the ability of Americans to sell their cheaply produced farm output abroad. The Europeans insisted they would never contemplate an end of all subsidies, as this would de-

completely open policy. The

maintaining immigration con-

trols for non-EC citizens

entering Britain from Europe.

interior minister and presi

dent of the meeting, said it

would not be possible to sign a

European convention on im-

Turning to crime and ter-

rorism, the ministers agreed to

keep working towards creating

a European intelligence unit

while increasing co-operation

migration this year.

between police forces.

Vincenzo Scotti, the Italian

as the talks are known, America bludgeoned the community at Montreal into agreeing "substantial and progressive" cuts in farm subsidies. However, no one spelt out exactly what this meant, and so the basis for misunderstanding was laid. And by linking agriculture, vital to so many third world

through the Uruguay Round,

nations, to the numbing complexities of investment rules, intellectual property and other issues concerning mainly the industrialised nations, the negotiators held all progress hostage to the gut political issue of farming. Gatt also was prisoner of its

own labyrinthine and lacklustre complexity. The world's leaders neither understood nor cared what was at stake. Nor did public opinion. Vital political decisions were repeatedly postponed, or glossed over. At the Houston economic summit in July, for example, it was already clear deep trouble. But the world focused instead on the more tangible issue of aid to the

Soviet Union Only Mrs Thatcher insisted on sounding the alarm bells to her partners in the European Community. They would not listen. At the Rome summit in October, the Italian hosts were determined to make a dash for monetary union, and brushed aside her call for urgent action on the EC's stalled farm offer.

Refugee status for boat people

Hong Kong - A group of 111 Vietnamese boat people, who claimed they had been detained illegally, won refugee status here. The colony's government and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees announced that they had been declared eligible for resentement (Paul Mooney writes).

The decision came as a surprise, since the government had argued that the people, fleeing communist rule in their country, had no right to land in Hong Kong. The Hong Kong authorities had hinted that they would probably be sent back to Vietnam.

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The Vietnamese, who had been detained for 18 months, attracted international attention last month when they were rearrested hours after a High Court judge had set them free on the ground that they had been detained illegally.

Rahman buried

Kuala Lumpur - Tunku Abdul Rahman, the first prime minister of Malaysia, who died on Thursday night aged 87, was buried with the honours of a ruler at the royal burial ground in his home state of Kedah.

Caretaker ruler

Sofia - President Zhelev of Bulgaria appointed Dimiter Popov, a lawyer aged 63, with no party affiliation, to head a caretaker government until new elections can be held. The Socialist government resigned last week in the face of strikes and street protests. (Rewer)

'Radioactive' sea

Wellington - Greenpeace, the environmental group, said it had found traces of radioactive caesium and cobalt 12 miles from the French nuclear test site on Mururoa atoll in the south Pacific, so contesting claims by France that its underground weapons programme is safe. (Reuter)

Burnt to death

Ayodbya – Hindu militants claimed that an Indian who was burnt to death here killed himself in protest over a disputed shrine but others said that was a Muslim victim of Hindu violence. (Rewer)

Aid for Liberia

Geneva - An aircraft chartered by the United Nations left Switzerland with 20 tonnes of food and medicine for Liberia, where aid workers said that hungry orphans were wandering through the ruins left by civil war. (Reuter)

Piggyback ride

Sydney - The Soviet space shuttle, Buran, will make its first trip abroad next year on the back of the world's largest aircraft, the Antonov 225, in a visit to Australia and New Zealand. Other space equipment will also be displayed during the four-week goodwill trip. (Reuter)

ANC may loosen sanctions

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From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

THE African National Congress, while publicly insisting that sanctions should be maintained against South Africa, is discreetly considering proposals for gradually easing the boycous next year.

A confidential ANC discussion document, calling for a comprehensive policy re-view, recommends that trade, sports and cultural embargoes should be relaxed, and tied only to racial discrimination in specific companies and organizations. It suggests that the lifting of oil, arms, and financial senctions should be linked to the establishment of an interim government.

The proposais are believed to have been drafted by Thabo Mbeki, the organization's foreign affairs chief, and moderates in his department who are attending the United Nations debate on the issue in New York ANC sources say that the report has been endorsed by senior officials, and will be submitted for adoption at a national consulrative conference in Johannes-

burg next week. With a majority of European countries believing that the time has come to lift sanctions, the document concedes that the effect of diplomatic and trade restrictions has been reduced. It argues that sanctions could be eased because adverse reaction to any regression in government eny regression in government reforms would ensure their reimposition. Nelson Man-dela the ANC deputy president signalled the impending policy shift in a letter to delogates to the European Community summit in Rome Real work

Tyminski loses 'secrets' gambit

From Rocer Boyes in Warsaw

STANISLAW Tyminski had a be a revelation of almost candidate, tugging for his few hours left before the end of the presidential election campaign collapsed. He travelated the presidential election campaign collapsed. He travelated the gap — Mr Walesa 73 per the gap — Mr Walesa 74 per the gap — Mr Walesa 75 per the ga paign. What to do? He decided to hold a press conference. He arrived 90 minutes late, but the wait would be worth it, "Stan will blow Walesa out

of the water with his documents," said a man with a slim moustache. He seemed vaguely familiar from the days of martial law. The emigre businessman had run out of words. The election is on Sunday. The closer one comes to the ballot box, the lighter the words seem to weigh.

But the candidate had his black briefcase which, he has hinted for a fortnight or more, contains the full, compromising truth about the frontrunner for the presidency. Lech Walesa. It would have to

Wolf was known as the Man

vice by operating from deep

security and rarely travelled

abroad except to Moscow. The

first snatched picture of him

in the 1970s carned its photog-

Now his face is everywhere

as, from exile, he wages a

publicity campaign for his

latest book, with the unlikely

title Markus Wolf: I'm no Spy.

Nobody knows quite where he

Herr Wolf has never been so

conspicuous as in his absence,

a result of Boon refusing to

grant rum amnesty in the days leading up to unity. A warrant

is biding in Eastern Europe.

rapher a fortune.

the gap - Mr Walesa 73 per cent, Mr Tyminski 16 per cent, according to the last poli-but Mr Tyminski's staff (who sometimes forget them-selves and address each other as "captain") have experience

in digging up grubby material.

The candidate ignored the pleas of the pack. For "ethical reasons", said Mr Tyminski, the briefcase had to stay closed. "Liar," shouted a reporter. It was very hot in the candidate's campaign headquarters, a small room in the Palace of Culture.

"Show us," yelled another. "Open the case." An American journalist grabbed the briefcase, a combination-lock metal and plastic club-class

at the head of East Germany's the most serious instance" still

espionage service, Markus stands. The news magazines

Without a Face. He evaded for his memoirs. One wom-

the West German secret ser- en's magazine has even

inside the ministry of state for Russian food.

New face of the master spy

From ANNE MCELVOY IN BERLIN

THROUGHOUT his 30 years for his arrest for "treason in Genscher, the German foreign

Stern and Der Spiegel fought

printed his favourite recipes

He was advised to leave

Germany by his lawyer,

Friedrich Wolff, who is also

defending Erich Honecker, the

former East German leader,

on the grounds that he could

not be assured of a fair trial

while feelings against the

Stasi, the secret police, were

This week, however, he has

pleaded to be allowed to go

home. He has sent his message

through channels ranging

from Pravda to letters to

President von Weizsäcker of

Germany and Hans-Dietrich Union.

At last, Mr Tyminski gave elled to Szczecin for a last ground. "All right, I'll show rally, an hour before the you a compromising document." He extracted a magazine. "This is last week's Newsweek." There was a

"Walesa has an interview here. It is a deeply damaging document. Walesa says he wants a coup in Poland. He expresses the intentions of a terrorist and assassin." More

The Solidarity leader in fact said that if Mr Tyminski won the election there would be social unrest in Poland and that he would end up fleeing the country. The magazine, on sale throughout the capital, was not exactly the explosive dossier promised at every rally "Let go, you thief!" said the and conference. From that

minister. His boasts that he

would "put all the cards on the

table" if hauled before a

Western court and then dis-

appear to "a wooden hut in

Siberia" have been replaced

by a conciliatory tone towards

the federal authorities he once

Germany," he told Pravda.

"Now, with the signing of the

Charter of Paris and the end of

this period in European his-

tory, my activities and those

of my intelligence colleagues

should not be subject to the

Herr Wolf, who was respon-

sible for the infiltration of

Willy Brandt's chancellery of-

fice, told Pravda he no longer

intended to settle in the Soviet

criminal code of Germany."

"I would like to live in

sought to undermine.

deadline for campaigning, but nobody noticed. The candidate did not bring his

Mr Walesa stayed at home

in Gdansk. He is trying to put together a government. On December 13 - the anniversary of the declaration of martial law nine years ago the Polish parliament will meet and will probably accept the resignation of the prime minister, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, and his government. If goes according to the opinion polls, President Walesa will then suggest a new As for Mazowiecki support-

ers, commanding 18 per cent or more of the vote, the ekend will be full of the kind of anguish secretly loved by Polish intellectuals. Should they now vote for Mr Walesa out of solidarity with Solidarity, even though the electrician from Gdansk destroyed their government? Or should they boycott the election and thus indirectly help Mr Tyminski, since a low turnout hurts Mr Walesa

Even the pro-government Gazeta Wyborcza could not make up its mind yesterday. A front-page editorial concludes: "The basic calculation shows that Walesa is better than Tyminski and therefore it is better to support him, unless somebody, deep down in his conscience, is unable to do that. I'm not persuading anyone to violate his conscience."

Another article inside the newspaper, however, argues that as Mr Walesa was sure to win, it would be better for Poland if he won narrowly, reining in his autocratic

JOSEPH CAMPBELL

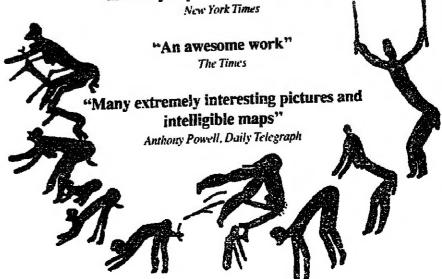
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Democrats fear Bush will steal Gulf glory

ACCORDING to President Saddam Hussein, the Democratic majority in Congress can take one-third of the credit for the promised release of the foreign hostages in Iraq. But for some Democrats, to be lumped alongside the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Yemen and the faceless men of the European parliament is

a mixed blessing. Richard Solarz, the influential New York representative, told a party meeting after the announcement that if the party denies support for a presidential policy which successfully defeats President Saddam, the electorate will keep it out of the White House "forever". He won some considerable, if subdued, supcolleagues who feel that they have buried the memory of President Carter and do not wish the ghost of "peacewithout-strength" to return.

Representative Vic Fazio of California, the new chairman of the Democratic campaign committee, said that if Iraq left Kuwait as a result of US actions, the Democrats may be seen yet again as the party which lacked the spine to support American leadership with military might.

Many Democrats are nervous about the influence of Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia, the party's senior military figure, who has broken with his characteristic caution to lead the argument on Capitol Hill against the acceleration in self, is well-placed, they say. His constitutional responsibility as chairman of the armed own strong record of supporting the US military through sonal protection against the "peace-without-strength"

more vulnerable and, although Senator Nunn is said to be planning a run for the White House, he is only one of many potential candidates for whom the Gulf conflict will be a critical factor. When Democratic legisl

tors gather for the 102nd Congress next month, they third-largest opposition to a of the United States. The Washington newspapers are full of stories about Republican division and decline. Republicans in the House of Representatives are deeply at odds with the White House over the future direction of

Their lack of numbers rules out any hope of the type of coalition with right-wing Democrats which gave them hope and power in the early Reagan days. Nor are rightwing Democrats converting into Republicans any more.

The Democrats have their sional ropes. But the party still sees the greater prize as ousting President Bush. Its leaders therefore, want to watch a little longer before deciding which is the winning way around the Gulf For the coming weeks they wish to wound but not strike.

Robert Dole of Kansas, the Senate Republican leader. makes almost daily taunts that Congress should make its position clear, this week calling President Saddam's action President Bush's military in freeing the hostages a build-up. Senator Nunn, him-vindication of the president's courageous policy.

The call for Congress to be recalled was made also by services committee and his Ricard Lugar of Indiana, a senior Republican senator. But among Democrats the the Cold War gives him per- most senior advocate for a recall is Senator Edward Kennedy, whose hopes for higher charge. The party as a whole is office lie wholly in the past.



Together again: Donnita Cole, of Odessa, Texas, remitted with her husband John in Baghdad. Mrs Cole travelled with a group of Americans to Iraq in the hope of securing the release of their relatives

No desert Shields but still Hope

From Susan Ellicott in Washington

ago, the flagging spirits of US troops in the Gulf were lifted by the prospect of a Christmas visit from Brooke Shields. No more. Saudi Arabia, which requires its women to appear in public covered from head to toe, has surprised the organizers of the American actress's proposed tour by asking them to withdraw her visa application.

spokeswoman for the USO, a charity which puts together shows for American forces abroad, said that Ms Shields's visit has been postponed and "we really don't

ONLY a couple of months understand why". Those friendship with Michael Jack- alcohol and female troops are familiar with the former model's career suspect it may have something to do with her sexy image. As a child, she launched her career amid controversy with the lead role in Pretty Baby, a film about a child prostitute. Later, she stirred a small storm when she posed semi-naked (but with her back to the camera) in an advertisement for Calvin Klein jeans with the slogan: "Nothing comes between me

and my Calvins." These days, the Princeton graduate still makes headlines son and a reported romance required to cover their arms with a Washington lawyer. In when working. The kingdom, her teens, Ms Shields's ex- which contains the holiest ercise-conscious, outdoors cities of Islam, has also infurilooks graced countless fashion magazine covers, leading at least one beauty editor to comment that she had the most perfect eyebrows in the The embassy of Saudi Ara-

bia in Washington had no immediate comment yesterday. Organisers had susnected problems with the visa application but were baffled at the Saudi request since Ms Shields, like other visitors to the Gulf in past weeks, was expected to dress in official Army fatigues, a hat and sunglasses for her appearance lifted. before the troops. Ms

News of the Saudi government's opposition to the acgrowing resentment among the US public about why American hves should country that does not share the US values of freedom and

Those deployed in Opera- to be content with an appeartion Desert Shield are denied ance by Bob Hope, who is 87.

ated homesick forces by outlawing the reading of Bibles in public and forbidding US armed services chaplains from displaying crosses on heir uniforms.

In a token conciliatory gesture, Saudi authorities have reversed a ban on Christmas cards, but only if they do not contain pictures of the Nativity, the Virgin Mary or Jesus Christ. Carol services are also banned, forcing troops to call euphemistic "community meetings". A ban on Christmas trees and holly has been

Ms Shields is not the only entertainer to fall foul of Saudi customs, in late summer, the tress's tour is likely to fuel authorities cancelled a show produced for US troops after the legs of dancing expatriate be at risk in order to protect a vision. The homesick troops, many of whom are spending their first Christmas away from their families, will have

UK fugitives await all-clear from embassy

tages hiding in Kuwait are people out."

unlikely to come out until they

Another receive confirmation from embassy officials that they can return home, some of their

wives predicted yesterday.

As the families of hostages continued to celebrate the possible homecoming of their loved ones in time for Christmas, one wife revealed the frightening conditions that the men in Kuwait are still facing. Lesley Bell of Petersfield, Hampshire, has had smuggled letters from her husband, Chris, in which he described how be had to crawl inside a heating duct when armed Iraqi soldiers searched the apartment where he was hiding.

This is all much worse for the families of those men who are in hiding. We have not received any telephone calls. The men are prisoners, relying on outside help from resistance workers for food and constantly in fear of being discovered," she said as her two daughters excitedly drew pictures of a plane arriving at Heathrow with their father coming down the steps.

The girls, Victoria, eight, and Gemma, aged five, wrote to Santa Claus asking for their father and the family cats - left behind in Kuwait --Christmas presents. "Daddy is coming home. I want to write a book about all this, all I can remember about

Kuwait," said Victoria. But Mrs Bell, aged 37, who worked as a sales supervisor for a freight company in Kuwait, talks with an edge of caution. Several times her husband, a computer sales executive whom she left in Kuwait on September 3, has hidden in fear of his life when soldiers searched all the apartments where foreigners used to stay. In his last letter, dated November 18, he described how he did not have time to reach the usual heating duct and barricaded himself in a

Of the raids be wrote: "On the 13th (November) the building was raided by seven plainclothes security police, all armed with AK47s and looking as if they meant business. We didn't have time to make it to the roof so we hid in one of the maid's abandoned rooms for three hours." Mr Bell said he had been almost ill with fear when they tried the door of the room but he and his companion had

managed to prop it shut. Mrs Bell predicted that it the hostages to be freed. "When we came out we had to travel to Baghdad, wait for visas and wait again to go to the airport. "I would appeal to the Iraqis to do away with the

By RAY CLANCY HUNDREDS of British hos- red tape and just let these

> Another woman, whose husband is in hiding, agreed that they would be reluctant to go out on to the streets until they felt safe. "These men are in a terrible state. My husband and many others have been going without sufficient food; they have been living like scared animals," said Elaine of Chatam, Kent, who did not want to give her full name because she feared recriming. tions against her husband

Relatives who gathered at the offices of the Gulf Support Group in Kingsway, central London, heard that the Iraqi narliament had confirmed the hostages were to be freed when the news came over on the agency printer. "We're de-lighted. Getting confirmation has made all the difference. It makes everything that has been worked for, not just by us but by everyone else over the past four months, all worthwhile," said Joanna Copley, a founder of the group.

Sue Dorrington, whose husband David is being held in Baghdad, said she had a romantic telephone call from him on Thursday, not long after he had heard the news. "He told me that he loved me and said he wanted to be home in time for our son, lan's, tenth birthday next Tuesday."

Activists to set up peace camp

hdad — Iraq has authorised Western peace activists to set up an "international peace camp" on its border with Saudi Arabia to prevent war. About 100 volunteers would come to Iraq to join the camp would join later, the "Gulf peace team", a seven-member advance party, said in a

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A team Arrowsmith of Britain, said that Iraqi officials had told them they would be allowed to visit the border area in two or three days to find and prepare a site. The team has also applied to Saudi authorities for permission to set up a camp on the border in Saudi Arabia. (Reuter)

Easy win

Caire - With all but a handful the ruling National Democratic Party in Egypt is certain of an overwhelming majority in the country's next parliament. Results so far showed the party had won 348 of 454 seats. (Reuter)

More troops

Caire - Egypt is sending 7,000 more troops to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates this month, bringing the total to almost 30,000 men. Defence ministry sources said the men would be drawn from the armoured corps. In an interview with The New York Times last month, President Mubarak said 400 additional tanks also will be sent (AP)

Death crash

Paris - A French air force pilot with the multinational Guif force died when his Mirage F1 CR reconnaissance jet crashed during a lowaltitude training flight in southern Saudi Arabia. He was the second French serviceman killed in Saudi Arabia, (Reuter)

Clear conscience

Nicosia - Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi, Iran's leading judge, responding to Amnesty International reports of human rights abuses, defended capital punishment and said there were no prisoners of conscience in Iran. (Reuter)

Major insistent Saddam must 'disgorge' Kuwait

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

any compromise with President Saddam Hussein of Iraq yesterday and insisted that he must leave Kuwait and make reparations for what he had

Urging that the foreign hostages be released without let, hindrance or delay, the prime minister said that the world was not going to stand by and watch Kuwait be invaded and dismantled in the way it was by Baghdad's forces.

Using tougher language on the Gulf issue than he has employed at any time since he moved to 10 Downing Street, Mr Major declared that the whole world believed President Saddam should "disgorge Kuwait, release the hostages and make reparations for what he has done".

He continued: "There can be no compromise on that

JOHN Major firmly ruled out point, and the security council mas he said: "I very much resolutions have made that hope for their sake and the absolutely clear."

In an interview with BBC Radio Cambridgeshire, he was asked whether the news of the nostages' release would diminish the determination of the international alliance to go to war if necessary. He said: "Nobody wants to go to war if it is avoidable, but you have to realise what has happened

"A country has invaded another country; it has deposed a legitimate government and it is in effect dismantling that country day by day. That is not tolerable for the international com-

Mr Major was deliberately cautious over President Saddam's pledge on the hostages. Talking of reports that they would be home by Christ-

sake of their families that that turns out to be true. It should be true; they should never have been hostages in the first place, and I hope they will now be released without let, without hindrance and with-

Although the release of the hostages was welcome, Iraq must still comply with UN Security Council resolutions demanding its withdrawal from Kuwait.

"I don't think the world is going to stand by and watch Kuwait be invaded and dismantled in the way it is. It cannot do so," Mr Major said. The prime minister added:

"I do not think we should raise people's expectations until we have those hostages back where they belong with

War heritage tempers Beirut joy

From ALI JABER IN BEIRUT

THREE days after Lebanese troops were deployed in Beirut and opened roads that had been out of bounds for a decade and half, the euphoria of peace seemed to have subsided as the war's ugly offspring started to

become apparent.

For the first time in eight years, residents and reporters were allowed into the battlefield after fighters abandoned their ditches, according to a governmen plan to free the capital of all militiamen and weapons.

Although familiar with destruction, many Lebanese who went to check on their homes and shops in a frontline district in central Beirut, were shocked by the extent of devastation. Huge estates once worth millions of nounds have become

ruins. The once thriving district and vast neigh-bourhoods, forming the demarcation line which long split the capital into Muslim and Christian sectors, appeared as if infected by smallpox. Buildings pock marked by thousands of shells and riddled by millions of bullets traded between the warring militia-men since 1975, spread in the heart of Beirut.

Muhsen Hakim, aged 40, vowed not to rebuild his home again when he discovered it reduced to rubble. "I he said. "The last time in 1983 when I was fooled that the war had ended. It only took three hours for the militiamen to come back and start shooting again." To other people, the pre-

mature promise of peace brought tragedies. Moham-mad Salameh, aged 55, was killed by a landmine when he went to check on his home on the Mar-Mikhael front line, south of Beirut. His neighbours said he was so eager to return home, after living for eight years in a shack in the capital's slums, that he ignored warnings by soldiers clearing the area of the militias' traces. Army officers advise strollers to walk in the middle of the road and avoid side-alleys. "Those pieces are killers," said one soldier. "They are easy to hide. We collected about 60

of them in a small area of four square metres." A group of middle-aged men and women who remembered Beirut during its golden days flocked here for a breath of nostalgia. They pointed with disappointment to a wrecked building that used to be the Grand Theatre. It stood there like an old haunted house, stained by soot from two sides, the one facing east Beirut and the other facing the western side, as if

both wanted its destruction. Developers say it will take more than £10 billion and 10 years to rebuild Beirut and its centre. "This is unthinkable right

now with a bankrupt goveroment that struggles to secure enough funds for water and electricity," Rami Zreik, the head of a British relief organization, said.

Maybe Beirut is doomed to remain a city of ruins and devastation," he added.



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How Saddam has been left looking for strings to pull

been fraught with imponderables and has posed questions which can be answered only as events unfold. I have adhered to one certainty throughout, that President Saddam Hussein should not be allowed to keep Kuwail.

This is not simply because the United States and its allies have invested so much prestige in reversing his aggression; not just because the industrialised world is not prepared to allow such an ambitious dictator to dominate a region which contains 40 per cent of the world's oil reserves; not only because this is the first test of the post-Cold War era of superpower co-operation. All have been factors in the equation. But it was his annexation of Kuwait which

united most of the world against him. His original plan was to invade, establish a puppet government by "popular demand", withdraw and graciously accept from the puppers what be

and control over Kuwait's oil and financial policies. If this had happened, there would have been an international outcry but nothing like the present situation. The Arab League would have been anxious to patch things up, and Western powers, as well as Moscow, would have been reluctant to break the old habit of doing business with Iraq.

However, he found no Kuwaiti puppers and was obliged to annex a state the independence of which Iraq has accepted for 27 years. This was his decisive miscalculation. For the first time in 45 years, one United Nations member state had forcibly annexed another, a precedent which not one of the 160 members was prepared to countenance. Hence the question has been how and when he will have to disgorge, not whether. Will it be as a result of sanctions, will be do a sudden volte-face, or will force have to be used?

Saddam Hussein's big miscalculation was to bank on finding Kuwaiti puppets to do his bidding. Anthony Parsons looks at the Iraqi leader's options

Saddam's strategy has been to play for time in the hope that the international coalition against him will fragment and sanctions crumble.

He has played many cards in an

attempt to blur the origin of the conflict, and to re-focus regional attention on the Palestine problem, on American "imperialism", and to present Iraq as a potential victim rather than aggressor. He has had only limited success in directing Arab public opinion from governments and virtually none in weakening Western and Soviet resolve by manipulating the hostage issue. The coalition has held firm. The Arab governments with forces in the field have not wavered. The UN security council has adopted 12 resolu-

tions condemning and cumulatively rejecting his acts, tightening sanctions, and finally authorising the use of force to implement its demands. Amazingly to anyone who has lived through decades of Cold War competition, America and the Soviet Union have cooperated throughout. Iraq cannot have expected to be deserted by its closest ally of more than 30 years.

Now the smoke is clearing and the landscape is emerging in hard outline. The reinforcement of the multinational force in Saudi Arabia has shifted the emphasis from defence of the kingdom the original objective - to an offensive capability sufficient to liberate Kuwait by force. International authority to do so at any time after

generally accepted that sanctions alone will take a year or more to work, and that many factors are against so long a delay, namely the continuing ransacking, rape and repopulation of Kuwait, the financial and morale costs of maintaining 500,000 men and women under arms in Saudi Arabia, fear for the solidarity of the coalition, and impatience to bring the conflict to a speedy conclusion. Some of these reasons are more valid than others, but are all part of an equation President Saddam must take into account.

He knows that the first security council resolution calls for immediate negotiations between Iraq and Kuwait to resolve their differences. If he wants face-saver, there it is and, for all the denials, rumours of a general Middle East peace conference are again filling the air. There is still a chance for a peaceful settlement. By his welcome

Resolution 678 of November 29. It is hostages, President Saddam has demonstrated that he sees no further mileage in using this atrocious weapon to weaken the resolve of the Western coalition. But he should not imagine that this will diminish international determination to free Kuwait, Nor should he mistake the debate in America as a sign of wavering. The US is an open society indulging in a public democratic process, phenomena with which President Saddam is unfamiliar.

No doubt President Bush will be hammering these points home to Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi foreign minister, as James Baker, the American secretary of state, will be doing to President Saddam in Baghdad, President Saddam has changed course before, and he could do

Sir Anthony Parsons is a former British ambassador to Iran and to the United

Arab moves aim to heal split and prevent war

From Christopher Walker in Amman

INTER-Arab diplomacy, de- lomatic speculation that one signed to promote a nego-trated settlement to the Gulf confrontation, is due to intensify after President Sad- parts of occupied Kuwait, dam Hussein's surprise move except for the contested to sanction the release of all Rumails oil field. In exchange foreign hostages.

Senior diplomats in the pledge of non-aggression from region said yesterday that the allies and the prospect of moves at the United Nations towards action, no matter how Kuwaiti islands which would vague, on the Palestinian is- give it greater access to the sue, could help soften the bitter differences between the pro and anti-Iraqi camps which have split the Arab League since its summit in Cairo on August 10.

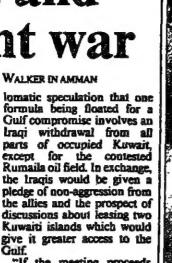
Yemen, which holds the chair of the UN Security Council this month, has announced it will attempt to push for another full summit. The summit would aim at preventing a destructive war in the region which will reach every corner of the Arab homeland and will harm all the Arab people," said Ali Salem al-Beedh, the Yemeni

Arab diplomatic sources said that attempts were also being made to try to arrange a mini-summit involving King Fahd of Saudi Arabia and President Saddam, with Algeria as the possible host. Colonel Muammar Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, to organise such a meeting collapsed after a stern rebuff from Riyadh.

Kuwait are due to attend a meeting of the ten-member Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries, which opens in Cairo today. Although Egyptian and Iraqi officials have said that the Gulf confrontation will not be raised at the meeting, Western observers believe that delegates may take the opportunity for some behind-the-

Nabil Nejim al-Takriti, Baghdad's ambassador to Egypt, has said that Iraq will attend the meeting which he hints in recent weeks that described as "routine". Abdel Hadi Mohammad Kandil, the Egyptian oil minister, said that any attempt by Iraq to all-out war which could climiblock Kuwaiti participation nate Iraq's military potential

The meeting follows dip- Israel and Iran.



"If the meeting proceeds smoothly, it will indicate that the Iraqis and Kuwaitis are still able to work together in an Arab forum." a European envoy said. "There could be more diplomatic significance to this session than immedistely meets the eye."

Earlier, Iraq had requested for the Oapec meeting to be held in Europe to precede the Organisation of Petroleum **Exporting Countries gathering** in Vienna on December 12. Mr Kandil said that this demand had been rejected by the other members.

Oapec includes seven Opec members - Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Libya, Algeria, Iraq and Kuwait - plus three smaller Arab producers, Egypt, Syria and Bahrain. efforts late last month by Unlike Opec, it does not discuss price and production policies, but concentrates on promoting inter-Arab co-operation. The agenda for to-Ministers from Iraq and day's meeting focuses on the organisation's work plan and budget for 1991.

Since August 6, Iraq has been unable to export any oil as a result of the UN trade embargo. The shortfall on the world market of around 4 million barrels of crude oil a day has been largely replaced by increased production from Saudi Arabia, the UAE and

Although Saudi Arabia has not wavered in its resolute stand against lraq's invasion of Kuwait, there have been senior Saudi government figures are concerned about the regional repercussions of an as a regional bulwark against



Show of bands: members of an Italian delegation sitting at the front of the 250-strong Iraqi National Assembly yesterday as it decided overwhelmingly to back President Saddam Hussein's decision to free all foreign hostages. There were 15 votes against

Israel fears summit will dictate terms

TO THE outside world, the peace conference is seen in Jerusalem as a device for fierce Israeli opposition to the idea of an international peace forcing Israel to withdraw conference on the Middle East from the occupied territories often appears baffling. What could be more reasonable than before it has negotiated the "right terms", including seca conference involving "all urity guarantees. A second Israeli objection is parties to the dispute" and the that the Western concept of great powers, perhaps the United Nations as well, given

Washington's ambivalence

"parties to the dispute" in-cludes the PLO, which Israel the dismal failure of the regards as a terrorist organisparties themselves to resolve ation rather than "the sole 23 years since Israel occupied legitimate representative of the Palestinian people". Israel the West Bank and Gaza as the fruits of the 1967 war? was delighted when America But as Yitzhak Shamir, the broke off its 18-month dialogue with the PLO last May. Israeli prime minister, ex-But Israeli leaders still fear plained this week in London that the Western powers and and will repeat in Washington, the Soviet Union take the Israel's visceral antagonism to the idea of a peace conference PLO's profession of moderation at face value, and will stems in the first place from its want the organization infear that "foreign bodies" will impose a solution not to cluded in any settlement.

Instead, Israel wants "direct over proposals at the UN for negotiations" with the Arab an international conference tates and also with "accepthave therefore caused alarm able" Palestinian figures in the in Israel. America's artitude is occupied territories, and not attributed in part to its new relationship with the Soviet Union, which has long fa-Palestinians from the Palestine Liberation Organisation. voured a Middle East conisrael wants no part in "linkage" between Kuwait ference, as has the European and Palestine, and argues that Community. American wavering on the issue also reflects the deterioration in US-Israeli relations with the Bush

as part of a solution to the Gulf conflict would hand President Saddam Hussein administration, with even such linkage on a plate. A American Jewish groups im-

patient at Israeli behaviour this year. But what Israel itself for its security. over the settling of Soviet cannot stomach is any suggesimmigrants in Arab east

What Israel might accept, diolomats suggest, is a reversion to the kind of tripartite meeting on the Palestinian question between Israel, Egypt and America, which was certain to continue to take the begin to lay down conditions floated by Washington earlier view that it can only rely on for Israeli participation.

tion of a conference under the auspices of the UN, which in the Israeli view has an in-built bias against the Jewish state.

Unless America is prepared sure to bear, Israel seems

If, on the other hand, the US, Britain, Europe and the Soviet Union unite in supporting a peace conference, Israel will have to decide whether to defy such pressure

to bring overwhelming pres- and face isolation, or swallow its many reservations and

Build-up in desert continues unabated

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BOTH sides in the Gulf controntation continued to reinforce their armies yesterday, despite new hopes of a peaceful settlement after President Saddam Hussein's decision to free all hostages.

American MI AI tanks, sent to Saudi Arabia because of chemical and biological attack, have been arriving in large batches by ship from Germany. Up to 1,000 of the latest tanks are expected be-

fore mid-January. In Brussels, Richard Cheney, the American defence secretary, told Nato counterparts he would like alliance members to send extra troops "the sooner the better". though conceding that the tracis could be forced out of Kuwait without them. President Saddam has sent another 30,000 troops to Kuwait and southern Iraq to reinforce the 470,000 already dug in there, and 300 more tanks.

Mr Cheney's appeal did not produce immediate results. Manfred Worner, the Nato secretary-general, said after a ministers that he was satisfied with the solidarity being displayed by the alliance but added: "I can only encourage our member nations where possible to increase their contributions.

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Revived intifada breeds despair

From Richard Owen in Jabaliya refugee camp, occupied gaza strip

high on the agenda again as the intifada enters its fourth year this weekend. For the right-wing government of Yitzhak Shamir, the Ameritrait is still everywhere. His can turn towards favouring a Middle East peace conference because of the Gulf conflict confirms Israel's nightmare: that President Saddam Hussein's attempt to link the Kuwait and Palestine issues will eventually succeed.

But for Palestinians in the squalid and teeming refugee camps of Gaza, this is precisely what makes President Saddam the hero of the hour. Their energies and hopes refuelled, many young Palestinians are stepping up the violence in an effort to make Israeli troops leave the occupied territories despite Mr Shamir's vow never to make concessions under duress.

"Even if there is a war and Saddam Hussein is defeated, we will still hail him as the man who put life back into the revolt," said Mahmoud. He is a young Palestinian of the kind who pop up from nowhere to take the place of arrested or deported activists, his anti-Israeli anger stoked by three years of searches and humiliation at the hands of Israeli troops. To some extent, years after the revolt began Mahmoud and others like him have modified their support for President Saddam. Pales install response more united and Jews can no longer live no magic formula." for President Saddam. Pales-

being confused with support for him as a brutal dictator. But the Iraqi leader's por-

actions, which turned the have died (the Israeli army Arab inhabitants. The latter Middle East upside down, have combined with the riots on Temple Mount on October in which 18 Arabs died, to



Arens: admits that there is no magic formula

galvanise an uprising which was showing signs of flagging. The mood on both sides of the conflict is still one of gas and the fence to lob stones. Shamir government is to re-frustration and despair. If at troops. But the fence store the "green line" by there is to be a solution, it is symbolises the barriers belikely to come only after even tween Jews and Arabs as the more violent conflict. Three concept of "co-existence" bewith riots at Jabaliya, Pales- crumbles. timans still face a determined

THE Palestinian question is high on the agenda again as high on the agenda again as Arab leader is in danger of Arabs have been wounded in years, 18,000 of them under Palestinian self-rule. The the age of 15. Since then, 747 Palestinians

> puts the figure at 623). Fifty-four Israelis have died, 23 in the occupied territories and 31 in Israel Three hundred and eleven Arabs have been murdered by fellow Arabs as be necessary. alleged collaborators. Three hundred and seventy-seven Palestinian homes have been demolished as punishment for "terrorist offences" and about 14,000 Palestinians remain in

What the statistics do not describe is the way the revolt militant. Several incidents has fundamentally changed Arab-Jewish relations. At Jabaliya, where chickens and goats root around in the with armed violence, and rotting rubbish which litters some Palestinians are worried the dusty streets, a high wire that turning from stones to fence has gone up between the main mosque in the centre of the camp and the Israeli army post opposite. Children from the camp, which contains 60,000 people, still defy tear short-term solution of the

In Israel, both left and right Israeli response. According to have concluded that Arabs

tween the two communities

together. The left-wing solution is partition, with the West Bank and Gaza given over to right-wing answer is to annex the territories and exnel their view has gained ground recently, with even many moderate Israelis concluding that "painful surgery" in the form of a "transfer of Arabs" may

Jewish settler groups proudly point out that, despite the inulada, the number of settlers in the territories has increased by 30 per cent to nearly 100,000 since 1987. In response, the Palestin-

ians, too, have become more this week involved guns. The Israeli army has vowed to take "special measures" to deal guns will damage the Palestinian image abroad.

Three years of revolt have ted policies of despair. The strengthening controls at checkpoints between larger and the occupied territories. Moshe Arens, the defence minister, still maintains that Israel is overcoming the intifada, but admits: "There is

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A joyful Book of Numbers

Clifford Longley

he Church of England treats its annual membership statistics as householders treat letters from the bank manager. They usually contain bad news. There were surprised smiles on Thursday, therefore, when the 1988 church statistics revealed if not wealth unimaginable then at least a small drop in the overdraft.

In the first real increase since church leaders stopped hoping for one 20 years ago, the "usual Sunday attendance" figure, which is generally taken to indicate the size of the church's core membership, was up 4,000 over the 1987 figure at 1,165,000. The number aged 16 and over in that figure rose by 13,000, offset by a 9,000 fall among the under-16s.

of church membership have been static after a long period of steady decline, and the question everybody was asking was whether, when the plateau ended, the graph would turn up or down. The sociological evidence suggests that the primary factors influencing church attendance are remote from the church's control.

Plotted on a long time-scale, for instance since the start of the century, Easter communicant numbers in the Church of England and the Church of Scotland show a very striking consistency. Not only do the larger hills and troughs occur in both graphs over the same period, but so do many of the short-term wobbles. Roman Catholic church attendance since the turn of the century is too much affected by the ebb and flow of Irish immigration to be useful, but other measures of Catholic activity, such as adult conversions, also show a correlation with these trends in other denominations.

Whatever the factors are, they clearly do not have much to do with the policies or beliefs of a particular denomination. Converting to Catholicism and attending Church of Scotland worship at Easter are, in religious terms, unrelated or even opposing activities. It is as if there is in the community at large a level of disposition towards or against religious belief and practice, unspecific to denomination, which fluctuates invisibly. If the recovery in Anglican figures marks the start of such a trend, therefore, a similar recovery should be noticed soon by the other churches. If not. it is unlikely that Anglicans will buck the trend for long.

Increases and decreases in church membership represent movements between a core group, attenders, and an outer concentric circle, friends and relations of attenders. Almost all those who become regular church attenders have some previous family or cultural attachment to their church: it was in their social background. And those who stop

but into that outer circle, and remain potential church members for the future. Total apostasy is as uncommon as out-of-the-blue conversion

Each denomination has, surrounding its core, such a penum-bra of lapsed members or members-in-waiting. This outer circle consists of those who, through social and family connections, are still in touch with that church at one remove. But though it is those connections which may one day chart the route into active membership, the forces impelling people in that direction appear to come from elsewhere. Otherwise nominations would contract and expand independently of one

another instead of in step. The net movement into or out of a denomination's active core the 4,000 Anglican increase in 1988, for instance — is the balance between much larger movements in both directions at any one time. Nobody knows how many Anglicans stopped going to church in 1988, only that slightly more of

The inward flux, from the outer circle to the core, must be influenced by factors common to all denominations. The only thing they have in common is that they are surrounded by a secular culture. So there must be some influence arising from within that culture which is felt by all those in one of these church outer circles. By definition secular cultures are unfriendly to religion; they do not deliberately promote it. It must be the secular culture itself that repels

What influences the outward flow must again be independent of the state of health of any one denomination, or the effect would not be common to all. In such cases the secular culture must be drawing such people towards itself because it seems good.

This explanation has large implications for the churches' strat-egy in the forthcoming "decade of evangelisation" which starts next month. It identifies the battlefield as being "out there", in secular society, and the key issue, the adequacy of a secular culture for the satisfaction of emotional and spiritual needs.

It also suggests that the most effective recruitment strategy for the churches would be to attack secularism as shallow and unattractive, in order to encourage people to feel unsatisfied by it. And the real target for such an evangelistic strategy would be those sub-groups in secular society that have some existing link with a church, however tenuous. For if they can be made discontented with the secular terrain they inhabit, they will move towards the church to which they are linked, of their own accord. And the Anglican figures, if they mean general unchurched population larism is beginning to lose its grip.

...and moreover

Matthew Parris

Saturday Review that will accompany this paper. But if it's anything like previous editions, it will be a splendid read. containing numerous features that it would be a crime to miss.

I resent this. Saturday is precious, does not last long, and ought to be carefree. It is not a day for guilt, not a day to labour under a sense of imperatives unfulfilled. So to place before me, for the premium of five pence extra, more good writing than I have the least chance of finishing, and thus the certain prospect of ending my day in failure - going to bed ashamed that into the bin go pictures and prose which in a bookshop would fetch a hundred times as much — can only be cruel.

Nor would there be any point in saving it for Sunday. With Sunday comes The Sunday Times, in all its multi-sectioned glory, bringing much important analysis of the problems facing the new prime minister, and many gripping accounts of the last days of the old one. And there will be that marvellous books section, with sparkling reviews of all the books I shall not have time to read ... No: if there is, through sheer diligence, a faint chance of breaking the back of the Saturday Review before midnight on Saturday. there is none whatsoever of making so much as a dent in The Sunday Times before Monday - and Monday's papers.

And what of my Spectator, delivered on Friday? And my weekend Economist . ? With a thud, the latest issue of Scientific American hits the doormat in its polythene wrapper, packed with news of the most thought-provoking kind.

My heart sinks. Because it's not that I don't enjoy reading. I wish I didn't. I wish the perusal of fine writing and the absorbing of important news were a tiresome chore: worthy, maybe, but dull. If that were so then the choice would be the age-old choice of work versus play, duty versus plea-sure. We all strike that balance somewhere: we know we must pleasure is sin, and virtue pain, the dilemma is as familiar as the solution: a bit of both, thanks,

but neither in excess. No, that's not the problem,

Thave not, as I write, seen the Reading the Saturday Review would be a sinless pleasure. It doesn't cost anything, it isn't difficult, no balance has to be struck ... it's just ...

... that life is short. Yet the minds into which today's publishing gains me entrance are better than mine, their holiday snaps are more professional than mine, their experiences wider than mine, they have done more interesting things than I, and they write about it so damnably well. Why don't I just throw in the towel, buy a year's subscription to the better publications, a roomful of tinned soup and a hundred crates of lager?

I caught myself last Sunday, the entire Sunday Times stacked before me, and a pencil in my hand, doing a remarkably stupid thing. I was flicking through each section, speedreading the "contents", and making a mark against what I thought I ought to come back to.

That's the stupid thing. The remarkably stupid thing was this: under my breath I was muttering "good" each time I spotted an article I did not want to read. Separating the wheat from the chaff, it was the chaff I was unconsciously hoping to find: hoping, because then I would not feel guilty about discarding it. The pleasure in that discovery reminds me of one's feeling on determining that, with the person on whom one has had a tiresome crush, there is simply no chance at all.

It's such a relief. The logical conclusion of this approach would be to react with pleasure if I could be sure that the entire newspaper, for which I had just paid good money, was worthless dross. The next step would be to buy the newspaper which was the least likely to contain anything worth reading. Choice is the cruellest thing. I blame Mrs Thatcher.

There seem to be two wa out. The European solution (à la CAP) is to carry on paying writers to write but to withdraw their work from the market, stockpile it until it is out of date then send it by the lorryload to the Russians. The free-market solution is to fill the gap by providing a quality publication that can be carried with pride, but which is guaranteed to contain nothing of the slightest The Times Profile: with £7 billion to hand, Lord Hanson, epitome of the Thatcher years, is Europe's most potent capitalist. His next victim is likely to be the biggest

Predator game to the end

o the boardrooms of the world, Lord Hanson is the predator they would least like to encounter: he has a habit of winning his takeover battles. This week, those who sit at the boardroom tables of corporate Britain were looking again to their defences after Lord Hanson's master company, Hanson plc, announced it had the best part of £7 billion in the bank.

The Hanson "war chest" is probably the strongest in the world. His pile of ready cash, which grows by the day, could be supplemented by borrowings of up to £16 billion. Few companies are beyond his reach.

Hanson accumulates cash for one purpose only: to make takeovers, and the bigger his company grows, the larger the companies it acquires need to be. During the course of one takeover bid, Lex, ential investment column in the Financial Times, identified this need for ever more expensive acquisitions as a weakness. Hanson has turned it into a strength, enabling him to search out companies which are out of the reach of all but a few.

Lord Hanson describes his firm as an industrial management company. Outside observers would call it a conglomerate, if they were watching Hanson plc move into yet another area of activity, while those on the wrong end of one of his bids might call it an asset stripper. (Hanson's dedication to extracting the ultimate from its purchases came to the surface this week when a senior judge criti-cised the way Hanson was han-dling the pension scheme of one of its acquisitions. The company had wanted to free £130 million for its own use by switching the pensions into a new fund. The judge

Lord Hanson's story is no rags to riches saga. He was born into a solid Huddersfield business background in 1922. The family haulage business - once the most mportant supplier of horses to the British Army - was nationalised for £3 million in 1949. This was the signal for James Hanson to take his 6'4" frame off to America. There he garnered a taste for redblooded capitalism, an American wife, and a lifelong business partner, Gordon (now Sir Gordon) White. A brief engagement to Audrey Hepburn gave him an red reputation as a playboy, though his subsequent 31-year marriage to Geraldine Kaelin they have three children - has done much to kill this image.

Nevertheless, his period in Hollywood, where he was the consort of starlets some of whom, like him, turned into stars, has left a permanent taste for the glamorous side of life, and a few close friends in showbiz. Frank Sinatra is one of them. When in London, he is Hanson's party guest.

Never poor, he is now seriously rich, with a personal fortune estimated at some £100 million. His remuneration from Hanson plc tops £1.5 million a year. There are houses in London, Berkshire and two in America. Horses are a habit that runs in the family rather than a consuming passion. His father provided horses for promising show jump riders such as Pat Smythe, but Lord Hanson himself gave up showjumping many years ago. It was his elder brother Bill. who died of cancer at the age of 29, who was the star of the arena.

Dubbed Lord Moneybags by the Sun. Lord Hanson is nevertheless determined to be seen as a member of "society". He reinforces his claim to a place at the top tables with extravagant ges-

tures that land the "very private peer into the very public columns of the diary writers. His wedding present (paid for by the firm) to the Duchess of Kent was a course of helicopter flying lessons. He drives, or is driven in, Bentley motor cars with personalised number plates. His helicopter is available when needed by those he favours. He often lunches in the main dining room of the Con-naught Hotel. He is not so private as journalists who fail to get interviews are apt to pretend.

The Conservative party has also been a major beneficiary. Al-though knighted by Harold Wilson, he was given his peerage by Margaret Thatcher and is a dedicated Tory. Hanson plc donated £80,000 to the Conservatives last year, and the full accounts (in which political donations must be disclosed) will show, when they are published in a week or two that the same amount was paid over this year. Hanson plc also put financial resources behind the establishment of city technology

In his annual statements to shareholders, Lord Hanson has seldom failed to praise the achievements of the Thatcher government. If there were criticisms, they were kept for the occasional private meetings at Number Ten. As the Tory knives were plunging into Mrs Thatcher's back last month, Lord Hanson added his signature to a letter to The Times urging the party to cease the attack. "The commercial and economic welfare of this country has been in the safest hands," the letter said.

But when Mrs Thatcher decided to go, pragmatism took over. Lord Hanson threw his weight behind John Major. "It is good news for Britain and for the rest of the world," he said, after Major was elected. "People overseas have been shocked and dismayed by the apparent rejection of Mrs That-cher and I think they will welcome the appointment of a man very close to current policy."

On Major. "We are in a difficult downward situation and this man recognises the need to keep matters under control and not make too many changes. It is very good to have a young and energetic and able minister at No 10, and hopefully someone who will be there for many years."

While accepting and perhaps even quietly welcoming a change that might give the Tories their fourth consecutive election victory, Lord Hanson, together with a coterie of like-minded business men, is determined that the woman who helped put so much into their own and their shareholders' pockets, will achieve immortality. Plans are well advanced for a £10 million Thatcher Foundation, funded by the pals. Its purpose is secondary to its

ord Hanson could be the first and the finest casting to emerge from the Thatcherite mould: the man who got stuck into reforming British industry in much the same way as the former prime minister got stuck into the trade union movement. Both did it, in a sense, from the outside.

Yet there is no devoted industrialist in Lord Hanson. He is not booked on textiles nor sold on steel. The group that he has controlled from the head of the boardroom table for more than two decades has no central activity. Unlike most conglomerates, or industrial holding companies, Hanson did not start with a core



Hanson's business is built on the twin pillars of Britain and America. With European trade liberalisation. industrialists on the Continent will start to tremble

activity and move out. The company's activities are as fluid as water, and he is devoted to none of

That ability to move in and out of industries, in and out of companies, to sell as well as to buy, is a crucial element in the Hanson success. There is little or no connection between the various parts of the sprawling empire,

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generating cash. The business has been built on the twin pillars of Britain and America. Europe has yet to feel the ground shake as Hanson fires his corporate guns, but as the Continent opens its financial markets and European companies are forced to drop their protected structures, Hanson will move in.

The firm sponsors the Derby through one of Hanson's early purchases, the Ever Ready battery ousiness. When Hanson launched its bid, Ever Ready was on its knees, spending too much on research and too little on making its plants efficient in their use of capital and labour. It is now, once again, this country's leading maker of dry-cell batteries. That Hanson magic has worked, and a contested takeover bid is vin-

But investment in sponsorship is expected to make a return just as much as investment in plant and machinery. Hanson gets massive publicity for the Ever Ready Derby, but reckons there would be even more if the race were run on a Saturday. Sir Gordon White, who runs Hanson in America, is working on it, and the Derby is likely to move. While Lord Hanson has given

his name to the firm, it owes much of its development to White's extraordinary skills. He waved goodbye to Huddersfield in the 1970s, setting off for America with just £3,000 of Hanson money in his pocket. That was all he was allowed, because exchange controls were still in force, but he turned it into a fortune for the firm. In the latest financial year, the American arm, Hanson Industries, made trading profits of £416 million.

Hanson exists for the benefit of its shareholders, and it is one of its chairman's ambitions that the wealth it has generated and accumulated over a quarter of a century be handed over. Hanson has taken over many businesses

which had made takeovers themselves merely because they had the money to do so.

The prime example was Imper-

ial Group, the tobacco company that dominates the British cigarette market. Tobacco is a "mature business" which does not require funds for growth, so that profits can be accumulated in cash rather than ploughed back. Imperial spent its shareholders' money unwisely, and when Hanson made its bid, Imperial fell. Hanson does not have any intention of making the same mistake, but the bigger the group becomes, the shorter becomes the list of potential

There was a sign, a rare sign, this year that Lord Hanson's sure touch faltered, missed a step. Hanson went into talks with the government over the possible purchase of PowerGen, one of the two electricity generating companies to be privatised in the next few months. The talks became public, and came to nothing. The decision to pull out was probably right for Hanson, but outsiders wonder why it was at the table in

ithin the group there is still room for the pecially if it reflects a personal interest. Lord Hanson put his taste for "light music" to the commercial test by backing through the firm, the London commercial radio station, Melody Radio. He even made a commercial for the station, again giving a lie to the popular idea that he is a shy, retiring, near recluse.

There's still a bit of Yorkshire about him, not only in his title -Baron Hanson of Edgington in the County of West Yorkshire - or in the fact that Sir Gordon White is a fellow Yorkshireman, but in his straight talking, honest approach to business and the pursuit of profit. When the City was rushi towards the climax of the bull market, when Ernest Saunders of Guinness and Gerald Ronson of Heron were putting themselves on the wrong side of the law, Baron Hanson of Edgington was still playing a straight bat. His victims have frequently searched in his past and his present for dirt. They have found colour, but nothing more criminal than the occasional dropped aitch.

Nearly four years ago. Lord Hanson gave himself five more years of business. The logical conclusion to the Hanson plc years would be for the company to cease to expand, sell all the assets. completing the implosion by handing back the proceeds to shareholders.

But two factors make that unlikely. The first is that the tax system of this country is hostile to repayments of shareholders' capital. The second is that Lord Hanson is strikingly fit and it is easy to knock ten years off his age. He is still going strong and sees no reason to retire. He loves America, where he spends half his time and keeps fit cycling in California. An elaborate logistical system keeps him in touch with the office in Knightsbridge. Couriers run around the globe with mail and messages, documents and data.

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His corporate guns are loaded with billion of pounds. He is ready to pull the trigger on another ssive deal. Until the direction of fire can be seen, there will be many a nervous chairman dreading the 7am knock on the door and the and-delivered letter which announces, just before the market opens, that his company is the next Hanson quarry.

His Excellency regrets...

s the western hostages look A forward to being back with their families for Christmas, one Briton seems set to remain in Baghdad for the foreseeable future: our ambassador,

The call of duty is particularly cruel as Walker had hoped to be home for the wedding of his eldest daughter, Caroline, in St Paul's Cathedral on January 12 - three days before the expiry of the Security Council deadline for Saddam Hussein to pull his forces out of Kuwait. Caroline got en-gaged to accountant Peter Walker, son of a former chief executive of BP, on holiday in Kenya just before Kuwait was invaded, and immediately began planning the

wedding. Even if Walker cannot get home to give his daughter away, the wedding will still go ahead. The Dean of St Paul's, the Very Rev Eric Evans, an old friend of Walker, will officiate at the ceremony in the crypt chapel. Two hundred guests have been invited to a reception at the nearby

Stationers Hall The Foreign Office is pessimistic about the chances of the ambassador being able to don his tails for the occasion. A spokesman said: "The standard procedure is for people to judge when to take their leave against the commitments they have at the particular time."

Sadly, after the criticism Walker fiered when he was on holiday in Woking in August when Saddam's tanks first rolled into Kuwait, it seems certain that his sense of duty will not allow him to return at precisely the same moment British and American tanks may be even for what ought to be one of sioned to engrave a granite the property moments of his life. memorial to Eric Liddell, the

 "We do have cabinet government now," Tory MP Jeremy Hanley told a meeting of his Kew constit-uents last week. "Ministers coming out of their first meeting looked like the prisoners coming out of jail in Fidelio." Hanley too can now share in that sense of release, though how joyous remains to be seen. A few days later he was given his first ministerial appointment, at the Northern Ireland Office.

Semi-conviction

s it possible to be a good an and not believe in God? No problem, says the author and playwright John Mortimer. The man who once told the Bishop of Durham that he wished he could be a Christian has now told the Catholic Herald: Since I said that to the bishop I have come to the conclusion that I am a Christian. Except of course that I don't believe in God."

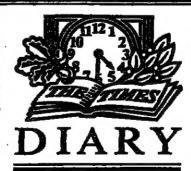
Paul Goodman, the Herald's interviewer, asked in bafflement how he could reconcile the two. Mortimer replied: "I'm part of a Christian civilisation ... I write within a Christian ethic ... but I can't take God.'

Then, harking back to his days at the Bar, Mortimer said the prob-lem was partly theological, partly one of presentation. "The image I have of God is so unlikeable that if he existed I would not be at all on his side. I can't believe in God as a judge because I don't like judges very much.

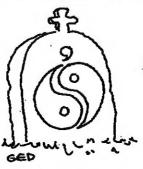
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f it is important for writers to have a good grasp of spelling and punctuation, it is essential for a stonemason; if he slips, he cannot rely on the wonders of the self-correcting typewriter or a

strokes to put things right. Pity, then, the firm of Lanarkheading in the other direction. shire masons who were commis-



subject of the award-winning film Chariots of Fire. Staff at Edin-burgh University, who saw the inscription on its plinth immediately before the unveiling cere-mony, were appalled to read: "His stonemason's equivalent of Tippex was hastily summoned and some skilful concealing work conducted, leaving a slight gap in the middle of the offending word. But it could have been even worse.



The statue is now on its way to Shandong province in China, where Liddell worked as a missionary. The stonemasons are thankful they were not asked to inscribe the tribute in Chinese too.

Best of the versed

he distinction between good bad poetry as opposed to really bad bad poetry is, no doubt, a subtle one, but those who

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are confident that their versifying belongs firmly in the former category are invited to compete for the title of best bad poet in the world. The competition, held under the auspices of the Inter-national Society for Humour Studies, is named after the American poet, Julia Moore, who was described by Mark Twain as having the touch "that makes an intentionally humorous episode pathetic and an intentionally pathetic one funny". Entrants are being sent a piece of her finest for Childhood days have passed

and gone, And it fills my heart with pain To think that youth will Return to me again. And now kind friends, what I

have wrote, I hope you will pass o'er, And not criticise as some have done

Hitherto here before. The contest's organiser, Don Nilsen of Arizona State University, hopes for entries from all over the world. "We are looking for writing so deliberately rotten that it both entertains and instructs."

Lucky break

the advertising industry. chastened by recession, is hoping that the end of the Thatcher era, which spawned its greatest successes and excesses, could yet prove its saving. Several agencies have already run campaigns based on the change of prime minister, using Mrs Thatcher as a prop to sell soap powder and dog food. More are on the way, and the industry believes the former prime minister will go on and on seiling products for months, if not years, to come, So far the ads have been run without Mrs Thatcher's permission, but the Advertising Stan-

dards Authority, which recently

looked at test cases involving unauthorised use of prominent personalities, is unconcerned, providing they are done in good taste. "Any advertising executive worth his salary will be trying to run something following her resignation," says the ASA.

Mrs Thatcher is being inundated with offers to lend her imprimatur officially to a variety of products, although a spokesman says she is unlikely ever to take up any such offers.

Her refusal will leave advertis-

ing agencies undeterred and their ingenuity undimmed. The most enterprising so far was that working for a Guildford carpet firm. Only 69 minutes after the announcement of Mrs Thatcher's resignation, the local radio station was running a commercial declaring that its carpets "will probably last ionger than even the longestlasting prime minister". Do not be surprised to see or hear ads featuring Sir Denis over the next few days, either.

Dizzy heights

ir Denis has a splendid role model in Sir Vavasour Firebrace, from Disraeli's Sybil. Speaking of his fellow baronets, he declares: "Evidently the body destined to save this country. Blending all sympathics: the crown of which they are the peculiar champions; the nobles of whom they are the popular branch; the people who recognize in them their natural leaders.

He conjures up a delightful picture of the entire order moving in procession to Westminster accompanied by their elder sons. besides "their mothers and wives. no longer degraded to the nomenclature of a sheriff's lady, but resuming their legal or analogical dignities, and styled the 'honourable baronetess' with her coronel and robe." Perhaps Mrs Thatcher should reconsider her renunciation of the title.

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GATT ON THE ROCKS

The collapse of the "Gatt talks" in Brussels yesterday is a disaster. The word is not too strong. The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade negotiations sought to liberalise \$1,000 billion worth of global trade, affecting the economic freedom and prosperity of hundreds of millions.

The EC's refusal to dismantle the fraudridden market-rigging cartel it calls the common agricultural policy (CAP) drove the talks on to the rocks. The world is poised to enter a cycle of protectionism and "managed" trade which will exact a dreadful price in jobs, inflated consumer prices and market opportunities, and cripple the economic advance of the Third World and Eastern Europe.

Rearmament for trade wars has already begun. Recession will provide further ammunition as industrial lobbies seek shelter against competition. Negotiations are to resume in January but after this week's monumental failure, the momentum built up since 1986, when the talks were launched, will be hard to regain. Suspension of the talks may be no more than a euphemism for breakdown.

Enthusiasm for the European ideal has been allowed, with disastrous results, to eclipse liberal clear-sightedness on world trade. The Gatt negotiation was the first serious test of a common European foreign policy and of the EC's reputation as a group committed to free trade rather than cartelisation. The European Commission, logically in view of the creation of a frontier-free EC in 1992, negotiates on behalf of the Twelve in trade matters.

The Community, the world's largest trading power, has failed the test ignominiously. It flexed its communal muscle only to reveal itself as a protector of the markets and privileges of the world's super-rich. Who can now doubt that the single market in 1992, rather than setting the world an example of regional free trade, will lead to the erection of

Fortress Europe? What is so extraordinary is that the EC has been prepared to sacrifice real gains to its own inhabitants for the sake of just one interest, the agriculture lobby, which accounts for less than 3 per cent of its GDP, yet demands of its consumers and taxpayers more than \$100 billion a year. In the run-up to this week's "final" Gatt session, the Commission had claimed to be ahead of the member states. But the Commission failed to persuade ministers to recognise the strength of feeling overseas on their intransigence. It failed to lay before them the magnitude of the price of breakdown which will be borne by Europe's more important commercial interests.

The failure has been equally culpable at national level. For the sake of "European unity", other governments allowed French and German appeasement of their farm lobbies to set EC policy. Four years have been wasted in which the EC could have been developing new systems of rural support which would distort trade less than price subsidies do. Mrs Thatcher's warning of impending disaster at the Rome summit in October was brushed aside, and the subject kept off the agenda to allow the Council of Ministers to concentrate on, of all things, plans to extend areas of common policy-making

John Gummer, Britain's farm minister, spent this week proving his Eurocredentials by defending the CAP. His outburst yesterday against the Americans for "intransigence" was outrageous. If John Major were true to his predecessor's memory, Mr Gummer would be fired. Of the 15 areas of trade covered by this negotiation, only agriculture remains deadlocked. Every other government, including that of the US, gave ground in agriculture, trade in services and other areas.

The EC alone refused to negotiate on a Swedish compromise to reduce farm protection, which was roughly equidistant between the EC's proposals and those sought by the rest of the world. After that, nobody had any reason to expect significant results from an EC meeting which was just starting when the gavel descended on the whole show.

To save the Uruguay round will now take a miracle of concentration and farsightedness. Nothing but a radical shift in the EC's farm trade policy will do the trick. That is far more important than plans for economic and political union and must go straight to the top of the EC agenda at next week's Rome summit. The Commission cannot move at the speed required. John Major's offer to mediate between Brussels and Washington should be accepted by Helmut Kohl and François Mitterrand, chief architects of this wretched mess. Mr Major flies to Washington on December 22 and should be able to take with him a negotiable offer. If Italy, which is currently in the EC chair, refuses to put such a mandate on the agenda of the Rome summit,

MARXISM MAROONED

This morning the Communist Party of Great Britain begins a special congress. Delegates are expected to obliterate the ballmarks that gave the communists their distinctive identity until the year of reckoning, 1989. Now apparently, everything must go: from the use of communism in the party's name (long since scrapped in central Europe in favour of less tarnished titles) to the strict party discipline of "demo cratic centralism" and adherence to Marxism-Leninism as a corporate ideology. Membership is down to 6,000 and falling fast. The CPGB's new leader, Nina Temple, gives a warning that "on present trends the party would cease to exist in 1994," It may even abolish itself as a party and become a sort of political club.

Tempting as it may be to dismiss Marxism as an exotic and now faded bloom, almost extinct in Britain outside the tropical climate of institutions of higher education. Marx's hardier derivatives still flourish in the hedgerows of British life. They include the earnest, Eurocommunist primulas who write for Marxism Today, the CPGB's theoretical journal; the Stalinists who proliferate in the darker corners of the trade union movement; the colourful but toxic flora of Trotskyism; and the venus flytraps of Labour's hard laft.

The prestige of some older academic Marxists - most prolific, the historian Eric Hobsbawm - continues to command a respectful hearing. Since the renaissance of Conservatism after 1979 induced a sectarian renaissance of leftist ideology, Marxian explanations of Thatcherism gained some currency. They seemed to offer an historical context and dualist moral vision, equal and opposite to the new enemy. They were virile, as against the homely, latitudinarian Fabianism

of the new Labour party. What is now to be the harvest of those interminable redefinitions of socialism? It is no thanks to them that Labour is back in contention, or that the grand instigator of the Tory revival has been booted to the backbenches. How much did the Marxist cuckoos in Labour's doctrinal nest contribute to this reversal of fortunes?

Mr Major should refuse to attend.

predict Mrs Thatcher's downfall - indeed seems rather miffed at the Tory party shooting their fox - any more than it predicted the collapse of communism abroad. John Smith's plausibility as an alternative Chancellor - a key to Labour's revival - has nothing to do with long-winded critiques of "late capitalism". While the British public is attracted by promises of better public services, it will vote Labour into office only when it is satisfied that its leaders would make fit custodians of capitalism.

Would Labour really benefit by "passing through an intellectual revolution", as the Marxist theoreticians Stuart Hall and Martin Jacques demand? Perhaps, but only if they find themselves with another spell in opposition. Messrs Hall and Jacques jeer that "even in Thatcherism's death throes, Labour is still unable to break out of the former's shadow." But they must know that Labour's best hope is to remain firmly in that shadow.

Neil Kinnock has wisely abandoned this marooned intelligentsia to its fate. It is his resolute hugging of the shores of real-live Britain which has carried him within sight of office. But it would be churlish of the British not to applaud harmless loyalty to a lost cause. Perhaps this weekend's conference should be listed as an historic monument.

TASTE, TIMING AND TELEVISION

Twice in the past two weeks independent television has been involved in making judgments about public taste. The Independent Broadcasting Authority eventually decided that a raunchy video by the pop singer Madonna, banned in the US, could be shown in Britain after 9pm. It has since been transmitted on a relatively obscure Channel 4 programme. The Word, which starts at 11pm.

By then the publicity from the American ban on the video and the IBA's dithering in Britain had achieved what the managers of Madonna's career had sought - public prurience about a tasteless video of clumsy crotic writhings in black underwear, all to spice up a song of utter banality.

The second decision, not to show the Christmas drink-drive campaiga commercial before 9pm, raises more serious issues. Just as pornography is largely a matter of taste, so is "shock value". The objection to the recent RSPCA advertisement of a dead pony, as The Times pointed out at the time, was not the impact of the image but that the impact was based on a misleading reconstruction.

Allowing for dramatic illence, the drinkdrive commercial is not inaccurate. It shows a small girl in close-up, reacting with increasing distress to the words of her mother, out of shot, who is berating her husband for killing a child while driving under the influence of drink. The link between the living child and the dead one is obvious, effective, moving and real, though hardly shocking. It passes the test of relevance to the public interest, which the Madonna video does not

Custodians of television output have a more operous task than newspaper editors in matters-

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of public taste. A newspaper can be read selectively, whereas television is a fixture in almost every home, exposed to most age groups. Television commercials and videos are beyond home censorship - before the viewer can reach for the switch they are over.

Nobody in modern Britain favours drunk driving. Nobody would dispute that a campaign to prevent it needs forcibly to invade the public consciousness, against competition from commercials for chocolate bars and electric rezors. The reduction of a substantial public evil is worth the risk of offence to a few feelings, especially since the alcohol industry is still permitted to peddle its wares to a young audience, most blatantly in cinemas.

The drink-drive television campaign has already been weakened by the decision to announce that the commercial is aimed at men aged 35 to 50. Drink-drive campaigns should be aimed at anybody who drinks and anyone who drives. This includes teenagers, given the number of late night joyrides in stolen cars which germinate in public houses and ter-

manate in tracedy. The BBC and the IBA have had to make judgments on behalf of the viewer. The Madonna controversy was a "heads we win, tails you lose" exercise in cynical exploitation: either the video is shown as titillation to make money, or it is banned and becomes a publicity stunt, also to make money. ITV has handed Madonna double publicity by talking of banning the wretched thing, and then showing it. The drink-drive video did not need publicity for its timing, it needed timing for maximum publicity. The public can be trusted

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keeping armed forces up to scratch. Careers for architects put at risk

resolved and perhaps beyond.

The Ministry of Defence will be

wanting to do all it can to suppost

our servicemen in the Gulf and to react to the changing needs of a

highly volatile and potentially explosive situation; and of course

events may just calm down all round. But the real danger of the

then Chancellor's emphane asser-

tion is that by now his figures will

have already been incorporated by the Treasury into its short and

medium-term costings, whether

Options for Change can be safely

likely to be confronted with few if any options at all, other than an

remove, in the shorter term, any

accessible items which will help

keep within the new arbitrary

things which are still needed and

whose absence we will later regret, or "salami slicing" and moratori-

or salarm sucing and meason-ums on spare parts, ammunition and training which are equally dangerous, particularly if you may shortly have to fight. It could be a sad coding to what started as a

Surely the only answer is, while

continuing to plan on seasible options for change, to suspend any "peace dividend" which should

the situation in the Middle East is

clearer, and particularly to restone

an adequate short-term cash flow.

Otherwise we risk damaging, per-

haps irreparably, the effectiveness of our armed forces just at the

moment when we may have to

depend on their heart, soul and

professionalism to see us through.

Cheltenham selection

Sir, in the selection of a Conser-

varive prospective parliamentary candidate for Cheltenham (report, December 3), I was one of the four-finalists from whom John Taylor

was chosen, by a clear majority

and after the very rigorous process-laid down by the local association rules. I should like to make it clear

that I would play no part in any

reselection process which a tiny

minority of misguided local mem-

bers might seek to pursue. I

believe the great majority of other possible candidates would take the

If any pressure had been applied from "on high", of which there has

been no evidence, it would almost certainly have backfired. My

experience is that local selection

committees are understandably

jealous of their autonomy in

choosing the right person for

John Taylor is a visibly outstanding candidate and will become an excellent MP for

Sir. The outlanst of a few racists,

on the selection of John Taylor as a Conservative parliamentary candidate in Cheltenham should

not be allowed to cloud over the

fact that it is a significant sign of change in the Conservative party.

It is a change for the better and must be admired.

John Major's election as the Tory leader (and prime minister)

symbolises the fundamental

change in the Conservative party. Only a few years ago, it would have been impossible to imagine that a man of his background (irrespective of his ability) could

If this is the new Tory image,

Labour does not stand a chance. All progressive and liberal-think-ing people should welcome this.

become the Tory leader.

Yours mithfully,

DALJIT SEHBAL

December 4.

PETER C. MAXWELL

Old Airesford House, Airesford, Hampshire.

December 7.

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From Mr Peter C. Maxwell

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House of Lords.

December 4.

same stance.

Yours faithfully.

entially accrue from them until

prudent and rational exercise.

This will catall the cutting of

emly resource-led scramble to

From Field Marshal Lord Bramall premium until the Gulf crisis is Sir, Having just visited, with a parliamentary delegation, our forces in the Gulf, I came back even more amoved that the Prime Minister, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, could have deciared with such conviction, in the House of Commons debute on the Queen's Speech (report, November 9), that we can now "safely" cut our defence expenditure by 6 per cent in real terms over the next two to three years.

Of course, the decline of any foresecable threat from the now defunct Warsaw Pact will allow some manpower and equipment savings to be made in-Germany itself, but with the Soviet Union possibly on the brink of internal collapse he is a bold man who can be certain of how the strategic balance in Eastern Europe is going to work out. So we ought to keep some flexibility there.

Moreover, to achieve Mr Maor's figure, in the time-scale he proposes, must pre-suppose the proposes, must pre-suppose the complete and early implementation of Options for Change – the Government's exphenium for its defence review. This, we have been told, would involve very considerable manpower reductions all changes. tions in all three services; and how a responsible government can contemplate that just when we are on the brink of possible war in the Guif, the consequences and reper-cussions of which are as yet quite incalculable, is difficult to fathorn.

The deployment of but one armoured brigade in Saudi Arabia seems to have necessitated the sending of 12,000 men to ensure its proper sustenance and support and must have involved the virtual grounding of the rest of the British Army of the Rhine in terms of spere parts and logistic backing; and of course still more troops are now being sent, bringing the total up to over 30,000 and with similar repercussions right across the board.

When you add all this to other still ongoing commitments, per-ticularly in Northern Ireland where force levels have again had to be increased, it is obvious that expensive manpower will be at a

Monet crush-

From Mr Robin Howard Sir, You state (picture caption, December 4) that by its close next Sunday 500,000 people will have seen the Monet exhibition at the Royal Academy. This is open to-doubt. Half a million people may have paid to visit the exhibition but how many succeeded in seeing

it is quite another matter.

The organisation of this exhibition has been a disgrace. My wife and I paid in advance so at least we were spared having to utside in the cold for hours on end, but we were not able to see more than two or three of the paintings and these only in conditions of extreme discomfort.

Herded together like animals, we were propelled along by the force of numbers, all jostled together, in one direction only, in a stiffing atmosphere which permitted just the occasional fleeting glimpse of frame and canvas. Escape was not easy, but once achieved turned out to be permanent because resumission was not allowed. Refuge in either the restaurant or the coffee room was

equally impossible such were the length of the queues in both. The Royal Academy may have made a lot of money out of this event but it has rendered a signal disservice to the cause of art appreciation in this country. Many people may have been visiting an art gallery for the first time. They are unlikely to feel inclined to repeat the experience. Yours faithfully. A HOWARD,

New Timbers, 8 Upfield, Croydon, Surrey. December 5.

School differences From Dr John Marks

Sir, The European Parlian Labour Party's advertisement, headed "If a British third-former went to Germany, he'd be in a different class" (December 3), is well wide of the mark. If a British third-furmer west to school in Germany, he'd be in a different

Germany has kept the selective system of secondary schools - re-established with British advice after World War Two, But in Britain, technical schools and most of our grazimar schools were casualties of the comprehensive revolution.

Perhaps it is

Yours faithfully. JOHN MARKS 2 Melbury Road, Harrow, Middlesex. December 4:

Listed sheds From Mr M. G. Wayman

Sir, While I enjoyed the delightful letter from Philip Clemmow (November 29) politing gentle fan at the quirts of our planning law may I point out that the protection given to new work irrespective of ment can openie to the advantage of an owner of a listed building. A bay window added to my Grade II cottage recently became

very notice and an application for a grant under the Local Authori-ties (Listed Building) Act 1962 met with success. Liemain, Sir, your obedient

SCEVANIA. M. G. WAYMAN. to know the difference and react accordingly. 82 Deamark Street, Diss. Norfolk

cut architectural courses in universities and polytechnics to four years (report, Education, November 26) would be a zetrograde step. It represents a short-term accountancy view, based on sumption that less education and more training are required, and it is not in the best interests of architectural design. Building stan-dards or the quality of our cities.

implemented or, because of the Gulf, need to be significantly modified. This will have further In Britain there is no tracking of architecture at secondary entercation level: students enter courses with no A-level work on which to build, and a first year is normally segarded as introductory. Three years are required to teach principles and a grounding in technological issues. accentuated in every department the existing gap between now investigable commitments and the resources to meet them. So instead of senuine options for change which could be as-sessed and decided upon in the light of all the current circum-stances, the Ministry of Defence is

Subsequently, in their fourth scademic year, when they consolidate their learning and experience, their speculative and critical facul-ties are swakened. Only in their fifth year do they display maturity in handling issues, from building. detail to site context. Architectura practices cannot provide the educational consolidation which will be lost by conflation of the fourth and lifth years.

Full-time education of at least: five years is the European norm and has been recommended by an EC advisory committee. We endorse this recommendation and believe that the present three plustwo years is right. We support the RIBA and the Architects Regis-tration Council in their stand in this matter and ask the DES to think again.

Yours maly, TREVOR DANNATT. H. T. CADBURY-BROWN, RUGH CASSON, THEO CROSEY,
THEO CROSEY,
EDWARD CULLINAN,
PHILIP DOWSON,
NORMAN POSTER,
PAUL KORALEK,
LEONARD MANASSEH, JOHN PARTRIDGE PHILIP POWELL RICHARD ROGERS JAMES STIRLING, Royal Academy of Arts,

November 30. Prom Professor Peter Carolin and others

Sir. We are concerned by the extraordinary timing and con-sequences of the DES decision to withdraw mandatory local education anthority grants from

From Professor Trevor Dannatt, fourth and fifth-year (second de-RA, and others Sir, As architect members of the Linearly June the Department of Royal Academy, commuted to Education and Science stated that royal Alaceany, comming we it had been advised that such believe that the DES proposals to grants were "illegal"—despite the cut architectural courses in fact that they had been authorized by successive governments for 27 years - and on August 20 the DES instructed local education anthonties to crase paying them. This timing, in the middle of the vacation with parliament in recess, local authorities short staffed and students out of touch with their institutions. their institutions, resulted in bureaucratic chaos and considerable inguish and uncertainty for

students, some of whom still await their bursaries. Second degree architecture sin-dents, who have had their burdents, who have had their ben-same level as the grants which they would otherwise have no crived, will be poorer than they would have been on an LFA grant, and the financial resources avail-able to fourth and fifth year students will be less than those available to students in earlier years.

years. Architecture students spend an average of £704 annually on materials occupant and travel compared with the national average for all undergraduate students of £172. As it is proposed that the level of grants and hence bursaries is pegged at this year's level, whilst top up loans are ed, the financial injustice miposed on them will increase annually over the predicted 8-year minimum period of the bursary

whene
It is impossible not to conclude that these tacties are designed to bring pressure on the architectural profession, the universities and the polytechnics to accept the department's ill-considered proposals effectively to shorten the course. It is disgraceful that Eng-lish: Welsh and Ulster students should be trapped in the middle of

such a contest.

Students domiciled in Scotland are more fortimate: the Scotlish Education Department has evidently disregarded the views of its Whitehall counterparts and has allowed LEAs in Scotland to continue funding fourth and fifth-year sundents, both north and south of the border. Yours truly.

PETER CAROLIN (University of Cambridge), ROGER STONEHOUSE (University of Manchester), CHRISTOPHER CROSS (Oxford Polytechnic) l Scroope Terrace, 🛫 Cambridge

Tribute to Ingham

From Mr Trevor Kavanagh Sir, The vast majority of the 226 was certainly the basis on which accredited parliamentary lobby-journalists at Westminster will agree with the warm sentiments expressed by Robin Oakley towards Bernard Ingham (article,

December 3).

Very few of us recognise the image of Mrs Thatcher's former chief press secretary as the manipulative character portrayed by Robin Harris in his book, Good and Faithful Servant. But sadly, there is a danger that this version will enter the record as a demnitive account of Mr Ingham's 11 years as sources close to the Prime

Aid for Soviet Union

I believe it is important to

From Dr David Le Vay Sir, When the West spent the Russians into the ground on armaments, it was this convincing demonstration that only capitalism can afford guas and butter that finally broke the hold of communism in Eastern Europe

The Sovier Union is now disorganised and patchily himgry, though far from starving. This could be relieved by a diversion of military allocations, but these are being maintained or even in-creased according to Izvestia (report, December 6) while calls are made on Western chanty. For file Russians this is an entimently satisfactory arrangement, they supply the guas and we provide

Yours faithfully, DAVID LE VAY, 6 Garstons, High Street, Burwash, East Sussex

best taken off the an as quickly as

Prince Alfred Road, Liverpool 15.

From Miss Rosalind C. Harkness

Sir. I agree with your editorial. If the recently announced changes in Radio 4 come about, we shall lose

much of the interest, entertain-

There can be no good reason for

where. Why should we be de-

able and enjoyable? The slide on

ROSALIND C. HARKNESS

& Grandisson Drive, Ottery St Mary, Devon.

ment and information which we expect to find in Woman's Hour.

December 6.

Yours faithfully,

December 7

stopped.

Yours faithfully

'Woman's Hour' From Mr Peter Sewell

Reform Club, Pali Mail, SW1.

Sir, Your editorial ("Change in the air") December 1) bemoaned the BBC's proposal to chop Woman's Hour. I say good riddance.

Many years ago Woman's Hour was a bright, interesting and entertaining programme, even for male listeners. It dealt in a professional way with matters of practical interest to ordinary people, like how to make a Donnies cake.

talking down to the audience talking up to it has not been a failure and can result in widening Its terminal decline beam whenit was apparently taken over by producers who considered such bjects far too trivial. What the the horizons of surprised and female public needs to be told interested listeners. Fragmented about, they decided, were improgrammes can be found elsoportant issues such as Aids; Third World hunger, abortion, female. prived of something so depend. orgasms, etc. The result is a drab, depressing programme which is the slippery slope must be

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understand that Mr Ingham's first duty was towards the Prime Minister and not the media. That we treated his briefings. There were times when he could not in all conscience tell us the whole truth. But I believe I speak for my colleagues when I say that he was unfailingly straight, bonest and

More senior members of the lobby with experience of earlier Downing-Street press secretaries rate bins as the best. Yours smeartly. TREVOR KAVANAGH Chairman, Parliamentary. Lobby Journalists), Press Gallery, House of Commons. December 6

Lotteries dilemma

From Dr E. Moran Sir. The leading article, "Want a bet?" (December 3) is full of dubious assertions. In particular the argument against large lot-teries is not only a moral one. The many practical objections to ma-jor lotteries were clearly set out by Earl Ferrers, the government spokesman during the debate in the House of Lords on February 26 this year. These include the inevitable public promotion would be against the accepted policy that available gambling. should only meet unstimulated demand the difficulty of choosing between many worthwhile cause rying for assistance, the danger of criminal infiltration; the likelihood that small charitable lot-teries would not survive the competition.

It could however, be seen as a matter of some moral concern if the only way worthy projects in this country could be financed were by an extension of legalised gambling.
Yours faithfully,
E. MORAN (Chairman),
The National Council on Gambling.

The National County WC1. December 6

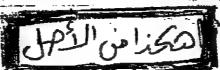
Wooden spoons From Mr John Durida

Sir, As the season of good will draws nigh perhaps In Place of Strife would be an appropriate prize (letter, December 5) for Conservative associations at their "Christmas Payres" Yours etc.

JOHN DURKIN. 15 Chirton Place Wilishire Grove, December 5.

From Mrs Iris Rocksborough Smith Sir. Booby prize for a Conser-vative social event perhaps an old Eronsen tie!

From faithfully.
Trus Rocksborouton SMITH,
IRIS Rocksborouton Smith,
II Bladen Valley Briantspuddle,
Douglester, Dieset.
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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 7: Today The Princess Royal, Chief Commandam, Women's Royal Naval Service, visited HMS Raleigh, Torpoint, Comwall. Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE December 7: The Prince of Wales opened the Cotswold Care Project Day Hospice at Longfield, Burleigh, Stroud, Gloucesterahire.

Major-General Sir Christopher Airy was in attendance.
The Princess of Wales, Patron, Turning Point, attended the Charity's AGM at Merchant Taylors' Hall, Threadneedle Street EC2. Street, EC2.

Miss: Anne Beckwith-Smith and Mr Patrick Jephson were in

KENSINGTON PALACE December 7: The Princess Mr. Margaret, Countess of minn

Snowdon, President, The Royal Ballet, today visited the Royal Ballet School, White Lodge, Richmond Park, and opened the Margot Fonteyn Theatre Studio. Mrs Jane Stevens was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE December 7: The Duke of Kent, Chancellor, this afternoon presided at the Honorary and Higher Degree Ceremonies at the University of Surrey, Childhost.

Captain the Hon Christophes Knollys was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this evening attended a Christmas Concert in aid of the Radcliffe Medical Foundation at the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Oxfordshire (Sir Ashley Mrs Alan Henderson was in

Birthdays

TODAY: Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison, Lord Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear, 65; Mr Julian Critchley, MP, 60; Sir Peter Mr Kirk Douglas, actor, 74; Mr Daniell, former Senior Govern-ment Broker, 81; Professor Sir Roger Elliott, physiciat, 62; Mr Lucian Freud, CH, painter, 68; Mr James Galway, flute player, 51; Sir de Villiers Graaff, former South African politician, 77; Mr Geoff Hurst, footballer, 49; Sir Peter Levene, Chief of Defence Procurement, MOD, 49; Mr Terry McDermott, fnotballer, 39; Lord Prys-Davies, 67.

TOMORROW: Miss Joan Armatrading, singer, 40; Viscount Bearsted, 79; Sir Nicholas Bonsor, MP, 48; Mr Billy Bremner, footballer, 48; Sir Stanley Brown, former chair-man, CEGB, 80; Sir John Burgh, former director-general, British

Mr Kirk Douglas, actor, 74; Mr Douglas Fairbanks, Jr, actor, 81; Mr Benny Green, musician, writer and broadcaster, 63. writer and broadcaster, 63.
Mr F.G. Hankins, chairman, Fitch Lovell, 64; Mr Robert Hawke, Prime Minister of Australia, 61; Dr Lionel Kopelowitz, president, Board of Deputies of British Jews, 64; Lord Justice Mann, 60; Sir Derek March, diplomat, 60; Lord Morris, 53; Sir Godfrey Nicholson, farmer MP, 89; Miss Isobel Poole, Sheriff of the Lothian and Borders at Edinburgh, 49; Lord Rees, QC, 64; Mone Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, opera singer, 75; Sir Peter Smithers, former MP, 77; Miss Rita Stephen, trades unionist,

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Memorial tribute

A memorial tribute to the life

and work of Dr Eric N. Glick,

late consultant rheumatologist

to the Enfield Group of Hospitals, was held on Novem-

ber 27, at Highlands Hospital, N21.

introduction, quoting from Ezekiel, and Dr FJ. Woodroffe

read the Physician's Prayer by Maimonides, Dr P. Stanesby

represented the general prac-titioners and Mrs J. Fellower

spoke on behalf of the staff.
Mr J.D. Abrams gave his
personal reminiscences and Dr

W. Loebl spoke on Algoneuro-dystrophy. Dr Jane Griffin read poems by Anne Bronte and Louis Untermeyer. Rabbi R. Cymbers concluded with Psalm 23 in Hebrew and in English,

Feltonfleet School

School, Cobbam, Surrey, an-

nounce the appointment as headmaster of Mr David Cherry, from Christ College, Brecon, Mr and Mrs Cherry take

up their position in September, 1991, following the retirement of Mr and Mrs David

Woodhouse Grove

People and Places

Viscount Norwich will deliver a

Mrs Margaret

Thatcher, OM

Sir Denis

Thatcher, Bt

The Prime Minister has

announced that the dignity of a

baronetcy be conferred upon Mr Denis Thatcher, with the Queen's approval.

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and a memorial prayer.

Mr Basil Helal gave the

Dr Eric N. Glick

Dinners

Viscount Alleaby
Viscount and Viscountess Allenby entertained members and guests of the International Cultural Exchange at dinner in the House of Lords last night. The Ambassador of Luxem-bourg and Mme Molitor were

Professor Harold Hankins, Principal of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, presided at a dinner held last night at the university in honour of Professor Roland Smith.

Among those present were:
Land Barnett, Six stierum Robardon,
Mr. Martin Edwards, Mr. Somarse
Gubb, Mr. Anthens Thatcher, Mr.
Sinclair Thompson, Mr. Donald Park,
Mr. Robert Manwell, Mr. Seward
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Rennestr and Mr. Jack Madryas. Mr Peter Weitzman, QC, Leader of the Midland and

Bar Mess dinner held last night at the Birmingham Club to mark the retirement of Mr Justice Michael Davies. Among those ovesent were:

Prestice and Rubber Institute
Mr D.F. Oxley, chairman of
council, presided at the annual
dinner of the Plastics and
Rubber Institute held at the School The appointment is announced of Mr David W. Welsh, Assistant Rector at Dollar Academy, to be Headmaster of Worthwass Crows School. Manor Hotel, Meriden, West Midlands, on December 7, 1990. The principal speaker was the Lord Plumb, of Coleshill. Woodhouse Grove School, Apperley Bridge, Bradford, from September 1991, on the retirement of Mr David Miller, DL, MEP. At the annual general meeting beld that afternoon, Sig who has held the post since 1972. Geoffrey Allen was installed as president of the institute.

Service dinners

HAC Mess Claib Captain R.B. Tiley, President of the Honourable Artillery Company Mess Club, presided at a fathers and sons dinner held last night at Armoury House Major Stanley Holmes, Mr Peter Holmes, Mr Douglas Eadie and Mr James Eadie also

at the Accademia Italiana, 24 Rutland Gate, in aid of the Royal Marsden Hospital. Tickets are available from Mrs Iris Banham-Lee, Dewes Lodge, Mere, Wiltahire. Telephone; 0747 860136. 1st Regiment Royal Horse Past and present members of Isi Regiment Royal Horse Artiflery held their annual reunion dinner at Woolwich last night. The Queen has appointed Mrs Margaret Thatcher, FRS, MP, to be a member of the Order of Merit. Lieutenant-General Sir John Learmont, the Honorary Regi-mental Colonel, was the

Weekend royal

engagement TOMORROW: Princes Alex-andra will attend the Crisis carol festival in Southwark Cathedral

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Mary Queen of Scots, reigned 1542-67. Linititgow, 1542: Christina, Queen of Sweden 1644-54; Stockholm, 1626; Bjornstjerne Bjornson, novelist and dramatist, Nobel laureate 1903. Kvikne, Norway, 1832; Aristide Maillol, sculptor, Aristude Mattot, Schiptor, Banyuls-sur-Mer, 1861; Georges Feydeau, dramatist, Paris, 1862; Jean Sibelius, composer, Hamcenline, Finland, 1865; Normat, Douglas, essayist and novelist. Thuringen, Austria, 1868: Padruc Colum, poet, Longiord. Co Longford, 1881; James Thurber, humorous writer. Columbus, Ohio, 1894.

DEATHS: Adriaan Willaert, composer, Venice, 1562; John Pym. leader of the opposition to Charles L. London, 1643; Richard Baxter, Presbyterian writer, London 1691; Thomas de Quincey, writer, Edinburgh, 1859: Gertrude Jekyll, gardener and landscape architect. The first voyage from England London 1932; Golda Meir, to India by steam was made, prime minister of Israel 1969-A / YALU URANAU CONTAC | | Age | manas accord

74, 1978; John Lennon, mur-dered, New York, 1980. Pope Pius IX declared the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be an Article of Faith, 1854.

Tomorrow BIRTHS: John Milton, London 1608: John Milton, London 1608: John Winckelmann, archaeologist, Stendal, Germany, 1717; Karl Wilhelm Scheele, chemist, discoverer of oxygen, Stralsund, Germany, 1742; George Grossmith, coauthor of The Diary of a Nabady, London, 1847; Joel Chandler Harris, journalist, author of Uncle Remus, Eatonton, Georgia, 1848.

DEATHS: Sir Anthony van

Latest appointments include: DEATHS: Sir Anthony van Dyke, painter, London, 1641; Dame Edith Sitwell, poet, London, 1964; Karl Barth, theologian, Basle, 1968; Ralph Bunche, diplomat, Nobel Peace laureate 1950, New York, 1971. Mr Richard Start to be a part

OBITUARIES

AIR MARSHAL SIR VICTOR GROOM

Air Marshal Sir Victor Groom, KCVO, KBE, CB, DFC and Bar, AOC-in-C Technical Training Command from 1952 to 1955, died on Decem-ber 6 aged 92. He was born on August 4, 1898.

VICTOR Groom served with distinction in the Royal Flying Corps and in the RAF in two world wars before rising to become AOC-in-C Technical Training Command in the 1950s. During the first world war and afterwards in Iraq, he established a reputation as an intrepid combat pilot, while in the second be was closely involved in planning the air side of the Normandy invasion. Subsequently he became senior air staff officer of the Second Tactical Air Force, the principal British element in the Allied Expeditionary Air Force whose task was to give battlefield support to the advancing Anglo-American armies in north-west Europe.

Victor Emmanuel Groom was born at Peckham Rye. London, and educated at Alleyn's School, Dulwich. In 1916 he joined the 28th London Regiment (Artists' Rifles) and in the following year was commissioned in the West Yorkshire Regiment. In January 1918 he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps and joined the RAF when it was formed in April of that year. Groom soon proved himself to be a man of great courage and skill as a pilot of Bristol Fighters in the desperate air battles which raged over the grappling armies in France and Belgium.

In 1918 he gained the first of his DFCs when he and his observer shot down four German scouts in two separate engagements on one day, though heavily outnumbered on both occasions. The citation described Groom as "an officer of great courage and dash who never besitates to attack the enemy regardless of

his DFC came for executing a daring rescue of a shot-down crew, while under heavy fire.

The Very Rev Dr George Reid,

MC, DD, Moderator of the General Assembly of the

of 80. He was born on March 31, 1910.

BY THE death of Dr George

has lost one whose life exem-



russed and hostile terrain. Under harassing ground fire himself, Groom managed to land his machine near the stricken aircraft and told its crew to climb abound. He then managed to take off again with two of the rescued crew mem- pressed themselves. bers in the back seat and a third lying on one of the wings. Besides displaying the

off the ground. broke out Groom was serving at Bomber Command headquarters and became respon-RAF Marham which was then operating Vickers Wellington

Europe as chaplain to the 3rd

Reid the Church of Scotland Church of St Andrew in fervour and his pastoral con-

plified the best traditions of mature years as preacher and demand as a preacher at home

enemy rifle fire Groom also

tion commander to listen in over the airwaves to the comments of the aircrews, the King was highly amused, as Groom recalled, at the strong language in which pilots, gunners and bomb aimers ex-After a further year at the

directorate of plans, Air Minwings. Besides displaying the istry, he became head of the coolest courage in the face of RAF staff planning the invademonstrated great skill in the supreme allied com-getting his overladen aircraft mander. This after some travail led to the birth of the When the second world war Allied Expeditionary Air roke out Groom was serving Force under Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory. It consisted of the Second Tactical Air Force, the superiority in numbers". sible for creating operational the US Ninth Air Force and From 1919 to 1921 he orders within the command in the Air Defence of Great served in Iraq where the Bar to the critical early months of the Britain which Fighter Comhis DFC came for executing a war. In 1940 he commanded mand, of glorious memory, had unimaginatively been runamed.

University, His first pastoral man of Christian Aid for in the Presbyterian Church of

charge was Cockenzie in 1935 Scotland, and as the first Australia through the activ-

Battalion the Scott Guards. In ued to play a major part in opposed the invitation to Billy 1955 he went to the West church affairs. His evangelical Graham to campaign in Scot-

Jonathan Simon Davies, only

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The engagement is announced

Julian Goodbody, of Dyrham, Wiltshire, and Sarah, eider daughter of Mr Russell Hanson, of Tunbridge Wells, and Mrs John Prescott, of Marnhull,

Mr N.K.A. Journ and Miss T.H.A. Procise

successful in its close support role and in particular its "tank busting" Typhoons and Tempests were unrelentingly effective in hampering enemy ground movements through-out the north-west Europe campaign. Groom himself served throughout the north-west Europe theatre from Normandy to the Rhine and across it. When the German air forces in northern Europe capitulated on May 5, 1945, Groom acted for the AOC 2nd TAF, and his was the signature on the surrender order to the Luftwaffe commander, Generaloberst Stumff. In these war years Groom made a reputation for himself as an outstanding thinker, and in 1946 Sir John Slessor (later Chief of the Air Staff) described him simply as "the best staff officer in the air force".

After the war Groom's promotion to senior rank and appointments was steady. He was in charge of administration at Flying Training Com-mand in 1945-46 and was director general of manning, Air Ministry, from 1947 to 1949. His last appointment, as AOC-in-C Technical Training Command was after a period with the Middle East Air Force which he commanded in 1952.

In retirement Groom continued to serve the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, as a member of its grants committee. He was also tressures of the Royal Masonic Hospital at Ravenscourt Park, London, between 1970 and 1974, and his planning expertise was sion under the chief of staff to effectively exercised in fund raising and ensuring a more efficient use of resources. He was a keen gardener, and planned, cultivated and maintained single-handed the beautiful rosebeds in the grounds of his south-west London flat.

His first wife, Maisie, died in 1961. He married, secondly, Mrs Mariel Brown. She died in June of this year, and On May 5, 1921, he was flying bombers. On one occasion Second TAF, of which he haven the second son of his a DH9A on a bombing mission when another British Marham just as the aircraft officer from 1943 until the end died in 1976.

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His only book, Meaning

The Lord's Prayer, was pub-

SIR FRANK CLARINGBULL

August 21, 1911.

FRANK Claringbull bestowed on the British Museum (Naturad History) during his 41 years of service the benefit of his lively mind, boundless energy and receptiveness to new ideas. He made distinctive contributions to the museum's twin functions as an internationally important institution of scientific research and as a centre for education in natural history.

Claringbull was educated at Finchley Grammar School and Queen Mary College,
London University, where he
gained first class honours in geology, and a doctorate of philosophy for work on igneous rocks of Aberdeenshire. He was elected a fellow of the college in 1967.

He joined the museum's department of mineralogy in 1935 working at first on the rock collections. During the crystallography of explosives for the Ministry of Supply and on the development of explosives for the Special Operations Executive. On his return to the museum in 1945, Claringbull continued his research on the X-ray crystallography of minerals, and was joint author with Sir Lawrence Brage of Crystal Structures of

Claringbull was appointed keeper of mineralogy in 1953 and embarked at once on a programme of equipping his department with the means of rapid analysis of rocks and minerals. He set up an X-ray fluorescence laboratory and, with great prescience, seconded one of his staff to Cambridge to collaborate in the development of the first electron-probe microanalyser. He had foreseen its potential for the non-destructive analysis of minute mineral grains and polished thin sections of museums and galleries. rocks and meteorites. A preproduction model was in- survive him.

Sir Frank Claringbull, director of the British Museum (Natural History) from 1968 to 1976, died on November 23 aged 79. He was born on August 21 1011 ground store became accidentally flooded, he took off his shoes and socks, rolled up his trousers and waded in to help salvage oceanographical speci-

In 1968, as the result of an open competition, Claringbull was appointed director. He was immediately faced with the challenge of modernising the museum's approach to the public through its exhibitions and other educational services. He was profoundly interested in the task, being aware that it called for artistic chairing a panel of 13 sci. entists to consider a radical new approach to the whole concept and presentation of natural history in the museum. As a result, a new exhibition was proposed with the aim of presenting to the interested lay person an intewar he researched into the grated view of modern hiol. ogy. The new proposals were approved enthusiastically by the museum's board of trustees and further developed by Dr R. S. Miles working closely with the director. Before his retirement in 1976. Claringbull had the satisfaction of seeing some of the new exhibition open to the public. Its success was widely ac-

> Those who worked closely with Frank Claringbull were constantly reminded of his meticulous attention to detail, often manifested by his reaching for a lens or slide-rule. Few, however, were aware of his many acts of kindness to members of staff and others. For several years after his retirement he served on the area council of the Bath and Wells diocese. He also maintained his interested in museums as a member of the standing commission on

His wife, son and daughter

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WILLIAM S. PALEY

Michael L. Tree writer

IN YOUR otherwise excellent obituary of William S. Paley (October 29) you missed one salient feature of his character and that was his patriotism. He was deeply grateful to America for giving him his opportunities in life, of which he took full advantage in creating CBS. He desired to repay her, which he did in his many charitable and social

interests and endowments. would like to pay tribute to generosity. this outstanding man's per-

gence, an extraordinary intuition and boyish charm, To these qualities must be added a desire for the highest qualities in all things. The second best was not to be contemplated.

To his many friends he exhibited wisdom, a tremendous appreciation for life, energy and a sense of fun. These qualities enabled him to become a catalyst and centre As a friend of over 30 years I entertained with unstinting

Bill Paley's death will insonal qualities. Bill Paley was deed leave an irreparable void

parish ministry. He was edu-cated at George Watson's charge. There his qualities and of his views were changing. College and Edinburgh leadership were seen as chair-His experience of the schism sons and a daug He leaves his widow, three sons and a daughter. endowed with great intelli- in many people's lives.

Marriages

Mr P.L.F. French

The marriage took place yesterday at The Temple Church of Mr Fabian French, son of Sir Christopher and Lady French, to Miss Philippa Latham, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Latham. The Master of The Temple

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Charlotte Latham, Elisa Haining, Eleanor and Imogen de Galleani and Louise Holman-Baird. Mr. Johnnie Seidler was best man, lecture on the art and architec-ture of Venice at a People and Places sourée, on December 11

A reception was held at Inner Temple Hall and the honey-moon will be spent in Australia.

Mr C.E. Anthony and Miss A.M. Hall

The marriage took place on Saturday, December 1, at St Martin's Church, Hindringham, Norfolk, of Mr Charles Anthony, son of the Iste Mr S.E.A. Anthony and of Mrs Anthony, and Miss Alexandra Hall, daughter of the late Mr A.R. Hall, DFC, and of Mrs Mervyn Temple-Richards. The

Anthony Footitt and the Rev Kenneth Farmer officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, was attended by Chloe d'Anyers Willis, Stephanie von Pasquali. Clementine Stopford, Thomas Daniell and Rupert Stanley, Mr Nigel à Brassard was best man.

Mr R.J. Knowlton and Mrs V. Baldwin
The marriage took place quietly, on December 1, 1990, in Cape Town, of Mr Richard Knowlton to Mrs Vanessa Baldwin.

Uppingham School

The Trustees of Uppingham School have appointed Dr S.C. Winkley, Second Master at Winchester College, to the Headmastership of Uppingham from September 1991, in succession to Mr N.R. Bourford who is taking up the post of Head Master of Harrow School

Appointments

and Prosper Group, Mr Jonesh Jones, Welsh Arts Council, Mr Jeremy Newton, Eastern Arts, and Professor David Vaughan, of Sheffield Polytechnic, to be members of the Crafts Council.

time member of the board of the Civil Aviation Authority. المكذا من الأصل

Forthcoming marriages

THE VERY REV DR GEORGE REID

General Assembly of the where he ministered to a religious adviser to Grampian ities of a group of extreme Church of Scotland, 1973-74, congregation of fisherfolk with Television. In 1969 he was conservative-fundamentalists died on December 3 at the age a strong evangelical tradition.

Aberdeen where he spent his cern made him much in

During he war he served in Chaptains in Scotland.

Dr C.N. Berry and Dr E.K. Tracey The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of the iate Dr J.P. Berry and of Mrs J. Berry, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.N. Tracey,

Mr S.J. Bussey and Miss S.L. Perter The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Bussey, of Brisbane, Australia, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.M.

Porter, of Hampton, Middlesex. Mr M.J. Casimir and Miss H.J. Caliwood The engagement is announced between Martin Janusz, son of

the late Mr Anthony Casimir and of Mrs Susan Hunt and and of Mrs Susan rium and stepson of Mr David Hunt, of Haileybury, Hertford, and Heather Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E. Callwood, of Charlton Kings, Cheiten

Mr P.R. Crawley-Boevey and Min. J.M. Kurric The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of the Rev R.A. and Mrs Crawley-Boevey, and Joanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Kurric, of Somers, Australia The marriage Somers, Australia. The marriage to take place in Australia.

and Miss J. Bargairdian
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and
Mrs. Neville Holden, of

Mrs Neville Holden, of Chehtenham, Gloucestershire, and Jessica, danghter of Mr and Mrs J.E., and Jessica, danghter of Mr and Mrs J.E., daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E., McArthur, of Edinburgh.

Mr M.P. James and Miss J.L. Crwys-Williams The engagement is announced between Martin, eldest son of Barry and Helen James, of Willingdon, Eastbourne, and Sarah, daughter of Denis and Beryl Mallalien, of Sale, Cheshire. Mr M.P. James
and Miss S.J. Mallalist
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club. Nr Neil Benson, Mr Cliff Morgan and Viscount Tonypandy. Among those

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Mr Ronald Reagan was the
principal guest at the Seints and
Sinners Christmas luncheon held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel. The other speakers were Mr Tim Rice, chairman of the

British Safety Council Sir Bernard Braine, MP, was host at a function of the British ety Council held yesterday at Apothecaries' Hall for the presentation of Swords of Honour to industry for excellence and dedication to accident

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G Franklin. The wedding will take place today in Connayague, Honduras, Central America, between son of rat Davies, or Saton, South of France, and Ann Pennington. of Penn, Buckinghamshire, and Reina Yolanda Matute Barabonon, daughter of Virgilio Matute, of Tegucgalpa, and Digna de Matute, of Santa Barbara. G Pranktin.

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The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Keith Jones, of Cobham, Surrey, and Tania, daughter of the late Mr Nicky Procter and of Mrs Maureen Procser, of Hemingford Road, Cambridge. Dr the Hee J. Mackey
and Min M.E. McArther
Both families are pleased
to announce the engagement
of James, son of the Lord
Chancellor and Lady Mackay
of Clashfern, and Marion,
daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E.
McArthur, of Edinburgh.

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T. JAMES'S. Piccodilly. W1: 8.30
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ST. JAMES'S. Sumer Cardens. W2: 8
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ST JOHN THE DIVINE. Vacanti Rd.
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ST COLLIMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOT-LAND. Fort Street, SW1: 11 Rev S DUDBERTY: 6.30 Rev J N Nectode. CAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 Rev H G Ross. O-SU Nev H G ROSS.
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OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kentington High Street, WB: 8.30, 10, 12.30.

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Originals: Jeremy Atkinson, clogmaker.



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cloggers, although he finds plenty of customers for his made-tomeasure wood and leather clogs at about £70 a pair.

Clogs date back to Roman times. In Britain they denoted class, and were spurned by the gentry while their workers lived and died in them. Now they are experiencing a renaissance, Mr Atkinson says, and adds: "I sell clogs to the salaried classes, not people on wages." One of his customers is an anaesthetist, another a social worker. He also shoes traditional clog dancers.

Mr Atkinson says clogs should not be confused with the Little Dutch Girl wooden shoe, more correctly called a sabot, and also traditionally worn by Belgian and French peasants. True clogs are composites of wood and leather. Because wood is a poor medium for transferring heat, they are cool to wear in summer, warm in

Mr Atkinson says he is the only clogmaker in Britzin both handcarving wood for the soles and hand-stitching the leather uppers. Most clogmakers prefer to buy in one or the other.

He started in the craft after taking a teacher training course, which coincided with a glut of teachers, and served an apprenticeship with a clogmaker in South Wales. It is ironic that he set up in Hereford, a county with some of the heaviest clay soil, which can be death to clogs. "Clogged up with clay or snow, clogs are no good," he says. Traditional British clogs feature a variety of profiles that include a "duck beak" front, "common rounds" and "square

JEREMY Atkinson introduces himself as Jerry the Clog. He says he is the last of Britain's master mainly by miners. In the old days, clog irons - metal treads - were usually fixed to the sole of the shoe, but Mr Atkinson fits them only by request, soling his clogs with an easily reparable version of

He prefers to use sycamore, crafting the clogs from tree felling to foot. He says: "Sycamore is the hardest wood that is the easiest to carve." Other clog factories use beech, which Mr Atkinson does not favour because of its short grain which, he says, is prone to splitting. Clogs need to be made from wood which dries easily and evenly and will not rot.

For the uppers, he uses cowhide or, even better, water buffalo hide imported from India which, although more expensive, keeps its shape longer. First, he makes a paper template of a client's foot, matching its shape to wood worked from freshly hewn logs. The fit is checked again, and then the carved soles are left to dry for up to three weeks.

When shaping the clogs, he uses blocker knife, resembling a butcher's cleaver, for rough carving, and a hollower, which has a blade shaped like a broad comb. A rebate knife or V-gouge is used for the ledge of the clog, and a saw to cut the step of the heel,

Handstitched leather uppers are fitted with brass-headed welt tacks. The uppers may also be decorated, then coloured and given a range of fastenings including clasps, straps and laces.

Home from home: Joanna van Heyningen and Birkin Haward

Going to get away from work in an egg

n a village near Oxford, just down from the church and along from the pub, amid a er of old stone houses stands a 17th century barn. From the outside it appears unremarkable, which is a source of satisfac wife team of architects.

Joanna van Heyningen and Birkin Haward work together from their London home, which is very modern but, Ms van Heyningen says, "respects the other houses in the street, mediating between Victoriana and the

This emphasis on architectural respect is the key to the conversion of their barn at North Hinksey. It of their barn at North Hinksey. It retains its stone exterior under a Welsh slate roof, but inside it is almost entirely open plan, light, white and spacious. "Like living in an egg," Mr Haward says.

"People complain about architects who produce the latest in modern design while living in

modern design while living in gentrified terraces," he adds. "This is partly true: there is an inertia and a loss of faith. And in

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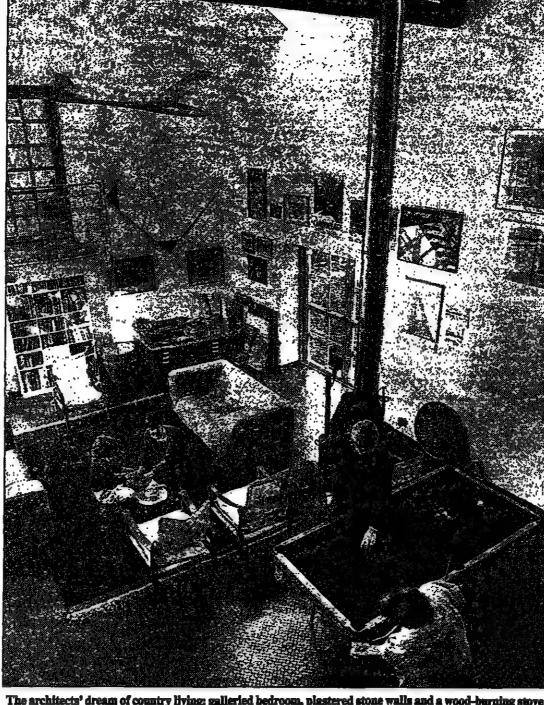
Britain the planners are about as deeply depressing as they have ever been. There is more conceptual freedom abroad."

Their two young children adore the "egg". They would prefer to live here all the time. Their room is the only conventional one in the house. Once the grain store, it is reached by white metal steps, balustraded with rails and mesh, like a ship's stair. "From here," says Bruno Haward, aged 13, "you can see the river when it's flooded right up to where the horses are."

"The country is much better," says Mellis Haward, aged eight. London is rather smelly, you

A similar staircase opposite the children's steps leads up to the gallery. This is the parents' bedroom, study and sewing room. A workbench runs the length of the gallery wall: you can lean across it and look over into the well of the main room.

Halfway down the side of the main room stands a woodburning stove, the wall behind it bung with posters, paintings, photographs, maps and working drawings. High at the top of the room are the



The architects' dream of country living: galleried bedroom, plastered stone walls and a wood-burning stone

exposed roof trusses. The effect is one of immense airiness, but also warmth. Making the house warm and dry were priorities. It is heated by underfloor plastic hot water pipes, fed by a small boiler. "We had to make an agonising decision over whether or not to keep the inside stone exposed," Mr Haward says, "but we opted for insulation and plastering, not only for lightness but also because stone creates dirt and dust and is

difficult to keep warm, particularly in a weekend house; you don't want to spend the entire time heating it up, only to get it to the right temperature as you are about to leave."

Light floods the main room and

provides a view to the rear

garden's espaliered apple trees and old Bourbon roses climbing the Seacourt, a tributary of the Thames, runs behind the wall. The main windows in the living area are the only outside giveaway to the conversion. They comprise sections of glass, fronted by a "yashmak": a screen of timber crosspieces which are hinged to allow window cleaning. "The builders thought we were mad," Mr Haward says. "People often put patio windows in old barn entrances and wreck the look." The barn is L-shaped now; the

baru to create a loggia which gives the house an entrance lobby and a dumping ground for boots and bikes. The linking section also provided space for the boiler room and bathroom, "avoiding having to carve up the main space".

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The barn stands in the grounds what was once Ms van early 17th century farmhouse, where Mrs Haward was brought up. Her mother moved to Oxford,

when the family arrive. Chartie, Mr Haward's eldest daughter, is an interior designer. Buddy, his eldest son, is an architect, as was Mr Haward's father. Bruno, however, does not intend to be an architect: "Too many in the family," he says.

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Breeding

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WHEN a flock of Buff Orpington chickens processed across Horse Guards' Parade to wish the Queen Mother a happy ninetieth birth-day, one man looked on with particular pride: Will Burdett, Keeper of the Royal Buffs.

The breed is a favourite of the Queen Mother, and the Poultry Club celebrated its centenary 13 years ago by presenting their patron with three Buff Orping-tons. Mr Burdett has brought numbers up to around 20. This year the royal entry took the breed championship at the Great York-

Mr Burdett says the Queen Mother's knowledge of the finer points of the big birds, with their characteristic marmalade glow, is second to none, and the welfare of the birds is the subject of much correspondence between their keeper and Sir Ralph Anstruther. the Queen Mother's treasurer.

As keeper, Mr Burden is unpaid, but he says: "It's an honour to have the Queen Mother's birds in my care. They may not be cult figures, like the royal corgis, but



our royal connection has done wonders for the poultry fancier,

getting rid of any cloth cap image."
He claims the Buff Orpington is a perfect bird for most keepers beause of its placid yet hardy. nature. The buff colour should permeate right through in a diluted shade to the underfeathers, Mr Burdett says. White underfeathering is not desirable, nor is any peppering on the backs or wings of the bird.

In the Twenties and Thirties Buff Orpingtons were popular table birds as well as good layers. They lay about 150 eggs a year, with excellent hatching and producing qualities. They cost up to £20 each and live for five to six

On the principle that nothing is too good for the royal buffs, they maize. Buff Orpingtons have their own club, separate from the one serving black, blue and white Orpingtons. Mr Burdett is chairman of both clubs. He has 200 birds at his home near Thirsk, north Yorkshire; some of the Queen Mother's birds are kept at Sandringham, Norfolk.

• Further information from the Buff Orpington Club, Bryant's Bottom, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Feather report

Bitten by the bug of a thug

HARKEN unto the words of the prophet Zephaniah: "And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the nations: both the cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in the upper lintels of windows; desolation shall be in the thresholds: for he shall uncover the cedar work."

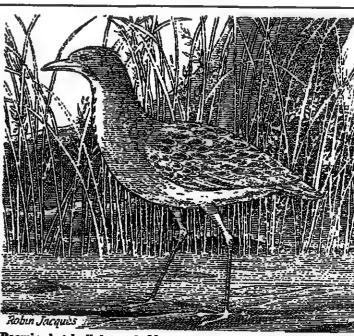
In subsequent translations, bittern is translated as hedgehog. I do not know how the hedgehog flew to the upper lintels, or what it sang, but clearly the bittern is as philologically obscure and weird as it is ornithologically. The bittern has long been a bird

of ill omen. It inhabits desolate marsh and its voice is - with the possible exception of that other bird of ill omen, the nightjar or corpse-hound — the spookiest sound in Britain. It is called booming, and is a male territorial proclamation. Few people have heard it; there were only 20 males booming in Britain this summer.

I have spent much of this year in desolate marshland, and have heard booming bitterns, lucky me. But I have not seen one. They are the most sneaky, devious, skulking of birds: they do not believe in being seen.

So here we have a bird that is rare, almost invisible and lives in the most desolate places. You could not design a bird that was harder to study.

Glenn Tyler is in the middle of two years' research on bitterns. He has spent most of the past year wandering about in a reedbed like a bittern himself. Bitterns are heron-like: long-necked and longbilled, and thought to be exclusively fish-eaters. He has done most of this research in the RSPB reserves in Leighton Moss, Lancashire, and at Minsmere, Suffolk. He has recorded booming males



Booming but declining: only 26 male bitterns were heard this summer

and compared their voice prints. Each bittern has a different voice: his research has shown that there are fewer of them than was

As the birds are "invisible", he has kept track of them by radio. This involves attaching a transmitter to a bittern: not an easy task. The transmitters last for nine months, after which the batteries fail. Later the leather strap rots away and leaves the bird unencumbered.

How do you catch a bittern? Mr Tyler caught Percy, his most significant subject, with a rugby tackle. He was hanging about in the reeds recording a booming male when the bird approached him, and did not fly off.

Mr Tyler's sudden assault was

courageous: bitterns have spearlike bills and go for the attractive, shining target of the eye. The bird promptly vomited all over bim: five eels, a water vole, a moorhen and a selection of caddis fly larvae. It says much for Mr Tyler's scientific detachment that he was genuinely fascinated by this evi-dence of their dietary inclinations, even as, stinking like Zephaniah's nightmare, he lifted the bird from the reeds and bore it away.

After attaching the radio to its back, the bittern was back in the reeds and booming within 20

minutes, and it has provided fascinating information ever since. In his first season, Mr Tyler has collected data that he trusts will be confirmed by the second. The birds are basically solitary and the males hold enormous territories: nearly 100 acres of reeds. They need a lot of room. They do not interact much, hence the need for the enormous, low-frequency, longcarrying voice to proclaim the

territory and attact females. The male bitterns are polygamous, and after mating they have nothing to do with nest-building and chick-rearing. They are also given to the rape of females in adjoining territories.

Mr Tyler is not purely in the business of advancement of know-ledge. His aim after two years will be to write a management plan for bitterns: why they have declined, and what can be done to stop it. The wardens of reedbed reserves will then try to implement his

engagestions. Life is tough for bitterns. Making a living in reedbeds is a poor option in a country that in recent years has been mad on draining fields, but so long as there are people like Mr Tyler about, there is hope for bitterns - and for people as well.

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through the country".

The King's England series, as the set of 41 books was called, has long been out of print, available only through the collectors' grapevine or occasionally at antiquarian book sales, and even then only at a premium. Now, thanks to the efforts of Steve Rudd and Jane ing enthusiasts, the entire series is

being reprinted Three of Mee's guides - to his native Nottinghamshire and neighbouring Derbyshire, as well as the most recent, on Durham are in the bookshops, and have stimulated a demand which has all but overwhelmed Mr Rudd and Ms Ellison, who operate from a former mine worker's house in the village of Carlton, near Barnsley in south Yorkshire.

Original copies of the guide to Durham, first published in 1953 several years after the author's death - fetch up to £85 at collectors' fairs, but the new, 207page hardback edition, published last month, containing maps and the 70 original black and white plates, costs £11.95.

Mr Rudd, aged 35, and Ms Ellison, aged 27 and latterly employed as the bass player in a country and western band, set up King's England Press last August to publish the Arthur Mee series, under licence from Hodder & Stoughton, the original publisher. The books, faithful reproductions of the originals, are produced by a firm of printers at Otley, West Yorkshire. Ms Ellison is employed by the company full-time, but Mr Rudd works with a direct marketing company while King's England Press gets off the ground.

The success of the series -Nortinghamshire and Derbyshire have already sold more than 1,000 First compiled more than 50 years ago, a series of classic county travel guides is finding a new audience. Peter Davenport reports

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if that is the word, of chan Take Durham, for example. Mee describes the county, which has changed in shape with much of its former area now in Type and Wear, as a "vast workshop", having a "vast coalfield and an ancient cathedral" as its outstanding features. The cathedral is still there, but the coaffield, which once employed 150,000 men in 150 collieries, has shrunk to a handful of pits. Once, 10,000 men laboured in large steelworks and another 8,000 built railways, engines and rolling stock, but today none of these is produced in the county. Vast areas of industrial wasteland have been reclaimed and returned

once again mainly rural. Nowhere is this more apparent than in Consett, perched on a hillside in the northern Pennines above the River Derwent. Mee wrote that "its tall chimneys, rising from a long grey mountain of slag, form a feature of the skyline visible for miles", adding that the large steelworks had had a great reputation for more than a century.

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To ask why anybody would want to buy a guidebook that is half a century out of date is to miss Ten years ago, the steelworks shut down, throwing 4,700 men out of work and, in the subsequent the point. The distinguishing fearegeneration of Consett, the 700tures of all of Mee's guides are the acre steelworks site has been attention to detail, the stockpiling, as if against some winter of fact turned to rolling green hills in the largest land reclamation scheme ever undertaken in Europe, coststarvation, of page after page of anecdote and local lore, with the ing £12 million. journalist's eye for description and

Following Mee's directions to-day can still bring the traveller an unerring sense of place. Today, of course, much of what upon the unexpected human is described has changed. Villages

from Durham city to Crook to visit the village of Brancepeth, which Mee called "perhaps the neatest village in all Durham". Today, the single street of

attractive cottages has been expanded with estates of houses, catering for a population of about 400, but it retains its prettiness and is still dominated by the towering bulk of Brancepeth Castle, formerly the headquarters of the Durham Light Infantry, and dating back to Saxon times.

In one half of the gatehouse is the village post office, run by Margaret Dobson. Engage her in conversation and you will discover that this grey-haired lady, who looks as if she should live in one of the tiny nearby cottages, is, in fact, the owner of the 250-room castle. She and her late husband. Dennis, bought it in 1978 for less than £50,000 to use as a base for their book publishing company when rising prices drove them from London.

Mr Dobson died before they moved in, but his widow and seven children went ahead anyway. The publishing business stopped five years ago, but Mrs Dobson lives there still, trying to keep a few rooms warm without central heating, and battling to keep the rain out of the rest. Mrs Dobson is an example of the

British character who would surely have been mentioned in Mee's pages had he been writing today. ● The King's England series is published by King's England Press, 37 Crookes Lane, Carton, near Barnsley, South Yorkshire (0226 722592). Farmer's diary: Paul Heinev

Killing them with kindness

THIS week we killed two pigs, which was distressing, but not for the reasons you might imagine. What started as a brush with the 19th century ended up as a headon crash with the confused values of the late 20th.

The story began last Thursday morning. I always ask for neighbourly help when pigs have to be marshalled: capturing agile swine calls for a man of dogged determination, instinctive stockmarship and an ability to curb his tongue in front of the children. I have none of these qualities, and Richard, my neighbour, has. By chance we also had a sculptor staying with us who claimed to have wide experience of pig-handling, having spent time in the peasant cultures of mid-France, I was more interested in the muscle which years of chisel-

ling had bestowed on him. Then I eyed the two, long, lean hogs, and set up hurdles ready to catch them. A bowl of barley meal was the bair.

For a long time I have wondered how I would feel when the first stock that I had raised would be heading for slaughter. After all, these were pigs from Alice's precious first litter. I had been with her on that sunny June mornng when she had effortlessly delivered them into the world. We had

cared for them like babies, thought of starting a photograph album of their piglethood. We loved those wriggling youngsters: they were the first star attraction of our farmyard.

To my surprise, I felt no remorse at their going. I can put my hand on my heart and declare that no pigs have had more comfortable, cossetted or betterfed lives than these. As the only purpose of raising pigs is for them to be eaten, I faced the abattoir with a clear conscience, with one provision: they must die as they had lived, with dignity.

For the moment, however, they were still free. They edged towards the bowl of meal but sensed the hurdles were some kind of threat, and the slightest twitch by any one of us made them flee. Even a sixmonth-old pig is unstoppable if it has made up its mind to be free. The sculptor advised, the neighbour acted and I let them get on with it. By macabre coincidence, the travelling pork butcher arrived with a wicker basket over his arm to inspire us with his hams, chops

and sausages. The killing of the pigwas always a great occasion in the small farmer's economy, with the whole family turning out to help: what had been a grunting, well-fed friend by the back door would shortly become their guarantee of food throughout the winter. I have read lurid accounts of the slaughter, of weeping children holding jugs to catch the blood, of bladders being excised and used to hold the lard. I was happy to delegate all

these tasks to the abattoir. While the pigs' attention was diverted, we seized our chance and snapped shut the hurdles. We were half-way there. Recalling his Gallic adventures, the sculptor suggested we put their heads in the bucket of meal and, by applying gentle pressure, back them into the trailer. Minutes later we were bound for the butcher, five miles

> ter house lies hidden behind the white-washed facade of a Suffolk village. The beasts are killed by the son of the vicar, who spares time to advise and sympathise with firsttimers like me, More importantly, animals get kind attention, too. There is no stressful overcrowding in undersized pens: animals are killed within a couple of hours of being delivered. It is as far removed from an insensitive fac-

tory atmosphere as

away. The slaugh-

you could wish to get. So why, and here the 20th century intrudes, will the institution probably be forced to close? It is to do with 1992, when the whole of Europe will break into blandness. The rules that apply in Naples will be. the same as those in Norwich; abattoirs that kill 100 animals a week will be wrapped in the same bureaucracy as those that kill 1,000. But rules made to govern a steelworks would never work if applied to a blacksmith's forge, and neither will the rules of mass meat production ever allow small men, like my butcher, to survive.

The argument is long, but I know of no more sympathetic or stress-free end to a couple of pigs' lives than the one enacted last Thursday, is there any chance that somewhere in the vastness of a united Europe there will be room for the concerned farmer who wants a civilised end to his animals' lives? Is there the remotest possibility that the small and caring may ever be valued as highly as the mighty and efficient? Pigs might fly.



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Country events THIS WEEKEND

Twelve days of Christmas: Christmas concert with refreshments. Also today, tomorrow in stable block, stalls selling hand-made items. Benningborough Hall, Shiptonby-Benningborough, North Yorkshire (0904 470666). Control of the C £6. Craft fairs, today, tomorrow 12 noon-5pm.

 Grassington Dickensian
 Christmas: Villagers in Victorian dress, bands, dancing, barrel organ, buskers. Grassington, near Skipton, North Yorkshire. Today and every Sat until Christmas, 11am-6pm.

 Birdoswald Roman Fort: A four-mile two-hour tour of the Roman fort and civilian settlement with the warden. Meet at Birdoswald Visitors Centre, East Cumbria (ref: NY615663) tomorrow 1.30pm. Adult £1, child 50p. Wear strong shoes and warm clothing.

 Avebury Food and Craft Fair. Seasonal craft items and food for Seasonal restoric setting. Sale in historic setting. Great Barn, Avebury, near Mariborough, Wiltshire. Today, tomorrow (06723 555).

 Craft in Action: Demonstrations, craft items and charity Christmas cards for sale. Father Christmas, musical entertainment, carriage rides.

Dunham Massey Hall, near Altrincham, Cheshire. Today, tomorrow 10em-4pm. Free.

 The Art of Lego: Major exhibition shows influence of Lego brick. Lego workshop in which to create your own design. Quarry Bank Mill, Styal, Cheshire (0625 527468), Today until Feb 28. Adult £2, child £1.

 Christmas at Tatton: State rooms decorated as for a Victorian Christmas. At Park Farm, nativity scene, hot chestnuts, carol singers, handbell ringers. Tatton House and Park, Tatton, Knutsford, Cheshire (0565 54822). Mansion open this weekend until December 14, 16 and 17; 1-4pm. Adult £1.50, child 5 to 15, 75p, car park £1.30. Farm today, tomorrow December 15, 16, 12 noon-3pm. Admission £1.20 for child includes small present.

Dickensian Christmas: Costumed shopkeepers, street entertainers, Father Christmas, refreshments, competitions. Rochester, Kent. Today. tomorrow, during shopping hours.

NEXT WEEK

Christmas Tree: Carols, folk stories and dancing, craft demonstrations, gifts for sale. Weish Folk Museum, St

Fagans, Cardiff. Thursday and Friday evenings until 10pm. Lincoln Cirristmus Market: Anglo-German event (Lincoln is twinned with Neustadt) with more than 100 statis selling o food, drink, crafts. Carols, choirs, handbell ringers. Lincoln, between castle and cathedral. Thursday, Friday 6-

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noon-9.30pm.

O Peterbarough Christians Concert: St Peter's Singers with carols. Mince pies and punch. Town Hall, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. Thursday i Tickets £4.50 (0733 63141). Christmas at Shugtorough: Candleit mansion house, card singing, Father Christmas, game pies and spiced punch. Shugborough, near Stafford (0889 881 388). Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 4-9pm. Adult £3, child £1.50, car park free.

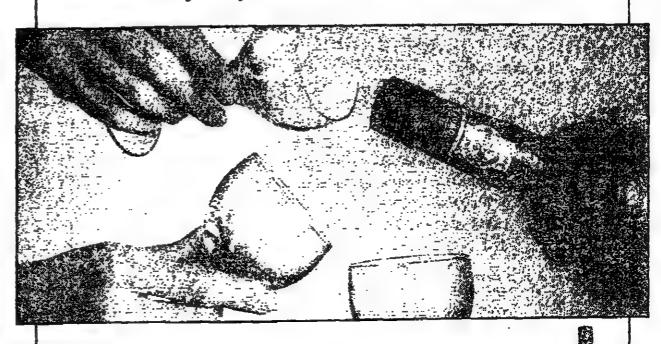
 Music at Rufford: Feest of Christmas with Southport Bach Society. Admission includes glass of wine. Old Hell, Rufford, Lancashire. Friday, Seturday 7.30pm, Tickets £5.50 (0704 821254).

 Winter at Snape: Ten
concerts to calebrate Christmas and New Year. Snape Maltings Concert Hall, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, Friday until Jan

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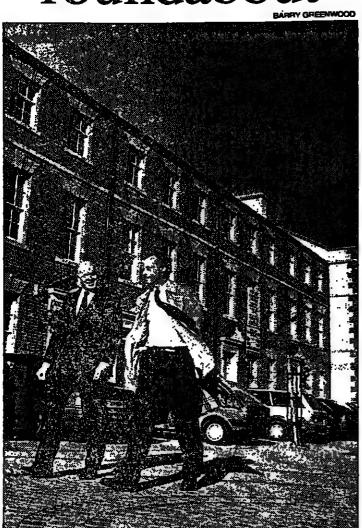
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No keystone left unturned: Colin Stananought (left) and David Ross

THE important point about the new Grosvenor Court buildings in Chester is not just that everyone likes them, but that they have been built on a windswept traffic island where for 20 years all others failed to design a development anyone wanted to build (including Sir

Colin Stananought's buildings are all in red brick, some Georgian in style, some in the manner of Chester's greatest Victorian architect, John Douglas, who made the city the embodiment of the Romantic movement. They brilliantly complete and enclose the magnificent mile-long vista along Foregate, Eastgate and Watergate streets, Chester's principal thoroughfare. This is one of the best architectural treats in the British isles, with an unparalleled run of richly carved black and

As you drive into Chester from Nantwich you are no longer conscious of the hurtling traffic of the inner ring road. "This was the dog end of town," says David "Since Grosvenor Court was completed, the values of surrounding buildings have increased sharply. "We put the access road in over

an existing sewer that we couldn't build on," he says. Inside, the new street, complete with stone cobbles, has the feeling of the Inns of Court in London.

The pair have also been asked to extend an original Douglas building on the edge of the roundabout, healing another dreadful gash left by the traffic engineers. The reason for their success is not

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difficult to see. Like their forebears, their neo-Georgian buildings have pedimented front doors, sash windows and keystones, with individual staircases inside, though they can be linked inmore than one. The real challenge was to make an impact at the corners. Their solution was to design big, emphatic gabled build-ings with "a touch of old Nuremberg" in the steep. Mr Stananought says: "We needed to emphasise these corners, so we put in stripes of darker tiles on the

Strong use is made of the diaperus, a criss-cross pattern overlaid in dark brick and continued in a band around the top storey. Two types of artificial stone, beige and brown, provide variety for window surrounds, cornerstones and drip courses. Mr Ross says: "Artificial stone is half the price of real stone, and if details are repeated the cost comes down still further."

Mr Stananought is responsible for a second development nearby, of a Fifties water board building, this time with the Grosvenor Estate, a big Chester property owner. The new buildings in Vicar's Lane further refine the Douglas style with overhanging eaves, complete with barge boards and sprockets (brackets supporting the underside of the roof). The brickwork is even more ingenious, with stepped gables and indentations, all confirming that with care a speculative office block can fit into and enrich a historic street.

MARCUS BINNEY

Help: Philip Blake-Jones, opera parties

What wine with the Verdi?

ne evening last week, guests arrived at a large terrace house in central dinner party. After the first two courses they descended to the candlelit basement to watch Alfredo and Violetta fall in love, and then listened to Verdi's heartbreaking score as she drew her last breath in his arms — all just a few feet from where they were sitting.

These extracts from La traviata, rearranged into a mini opera, were the work of Philip Blake-Jones. He is the brains behind Opera Interludes, a company which tailors opera to the tastes and home of individuals, lasting for as long or as short a time as they see fit. "It makes opera so much more accessible," he says. Mr Blake-Jones was brought up

in Lancaster, and started singing lessons with Barbara Robotham at Lancaster university while he was still at school. Later he studied singing and the piano at the Royal Academy of Music in London, before joining the chorus at Glyndebourne. His break came when the baritone who was sing-ing El Dancairo in Bizet's Carmen sprained his ankle, and he was asked to go on in his place.

After two years he left and sang with Opera East before joining Pavilion Opera, a company which performs mainly in country

Later he discovered he had a taste for management, and last February branched out on his own. His first commission fitted exactly the aims of his company, and set the standard for everything that has followed. He gave a performance of Cosi fun tutte in an exquisite garden in Surrey which included a rotunda and a pond. The guests were seated in a marquee, but the singers performed in the open where "a natural fluke provided good

Most performances last between 30 minutes and an hour, and Opera Interludes offers, among other things, Carmen, La traviata Don Giovanni and Cosi fan tutte, as excerpts or in their entirety.

o far, patrons have included companies as well as private hosts. Prices range from £400 for two singers and a piano accompaniment to £3,000 for a full opera. A preciably commissioned perfavo specially commissioned performance would cost from £5,000.

A different cast is booked for each occasion. "There is a lot of talent around and not enough Mr Blake-Jones says. Cheryl Barker, who sang Violetta last week, understudies the role for the Glyndebourne Touring Opera. for which she also sings Marcellina in Beethoven's Fidello. Bruce Rankin, who sang Alfredo, is a lead tenor with Pavilion Opera.

Performing so closely to an audience presents certain problems. Mr Blake-Jones insists that the singers must look the part" Violetta must appear young and attractive and be dressed like an expensive courtesan, with jewellery which could be taken for real. Aifredo should look young enough to still be dependent on the bounty of a rich father.

After the performance, the guests return to their pudding and cheese, refreshed and entertained.

GERALDINE RANSON Opera Interludes/Philip Blak Jones, 071-266 2392.



THERE is a bronze bas-relief of Charles Dickens on the wall of one of the cluster of antiquarian bookshops lining the narrow streets that converge on the British Museum in Bloomsbury, London. It is trimmed with tinsel in a seasonable tribute to the writer credited with having popularised the traditional Christmas

Some people swear the bronze is that of Brahms or Mars, a mistake that could never happen round the corner at Jarndyce in Great Russell Street, where you will find more Dickensiana per square inch of shelf space than anywhere else.

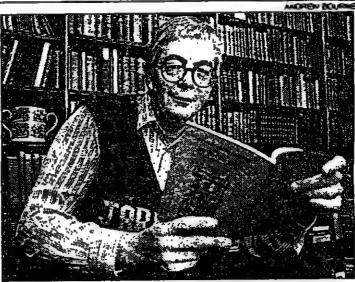
Jarodyce is run by Brian Lake, a graduate of York University, and his wife, Janet Nassau. If you want to get into Mr Lake's good books, you will tell him that you rec ognise the huge framed print of The Worship of Bacchus on the wall as the work of George Cruikshank, one of Dickens's earliest illustrators, or that you have heard he can sell you a first edition Dickens for little more than the £19.95 you would pay for Peter Ackroyd's recently published Dickens biography.

A three-volume first edition of Great Expectations, bound in tan calf, will cost you £8,500, although settle for an edition with forged title pages and printed on "slightly different paper".

The next most expensive item in the Dickens catalogue is a twovolume first edition of Sketches by Boz, with Cruikshank's signed illustrations. This will set you back £5,000. All this is mere petty cash, however, compared with what you would be asked to pay for Great Expectations in the original cloth binding. This is the rarest bird that can fall to the big guns of the Boz bibliophiles. It

Old curiosity shopping

Brian Lake specialises in old books by the writer who virtually invented Christmas



Wise buy: Brian Lake says any edition of Dickens is a good investment

could cost you anything between £25,000 and £50.000.

But what of the bargains? "My instinct," Mr Lake says, "is that the best bargains are the most expensive books." He believes, however, that any edition of Dickens is an investment, whether it is an early one of A Christmas Carol, which he will sell for £150, or a fine copy of the first edition

for which he would ask £5,000 - if

he, or anyone else, could get one. If you insist on trying to buy Dickens on the cheap, Mr Lake will sell you, for £60, a first edition of The Chimes, albeit a second issue, but bound in the same red cloth which Dickens used for the Carol, his first Christmas book. For £20 he will sell you a ninth edition of The Chimes, and there

is a first edition, first issue of Cricket on the Hearth, at £60.

If it is the heftier tomes you are after, what about a first edition of Dombey and Son, in half-black calf, and yours for £60? Or a first edition of Martin Chuzzlewit, yours for £30? Or an early cheap edition of Nicholas Nickleby, for an incredible £15? an incredible £15?

or do you prefer something you can pick up and sing along to? For £25 you can get a copy of George Linley's little ballad (circa 1841) called Little Nell, 'inscribed to

more than an arm's length away at Jarndyce, but you will have to stretch a little further to reach the other, non-Dickensian gems. There are thousands of them, neatly stacked on shelves, or less neatly distributed in piles on the carpet. You would not expect some of them to be on sale here but available, for reference only, in the British Library across the road. There is, for example, William Hals's Cornish Bruish Vocabulary, a holograph manuscript of more than 1,000 closely written pages, dated 1730 (catalogued at £15,500), and a first edition of Dr Johnson's A Dictionary of the English Language, space until someone meets the asking price of £5,500.

Of course, you could always do what I did: a jumble sale find of a little red book called The Mudfog Papers, which cost me 10p, turned out to be a rare edition of a collection of amusing pieces writ-ten by Dickens when he was editing the monthly magazine, Bentley's Miscellany. Mr Lake told me it was worth about £200.

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 Sportsmen's Aid Christmes Fair: Visito from carol singers The Piazza, Covent Garden, London WC2. Today

Science Massum First A Drop in the Ocean, examining the many causes of pollution in the North Sea. The film is suitable for children of school age and their parents.

Science Museum, Exhibition Road, Landon SW7. Today, tomorrow 12 noon. Telephone first to check place evailability (071-938 8000). £2.50, child £1.

Wattered Cat Club Shows The largest cat show in the world with all vanenes of pedigree cats and lamily peta on display. Olympia, Hammersmith, London W14. Today 10.30am-5.30pm. Adult £3, child £1.

Monet in the 20s — final

nd: Extended opening hours have been arranged at the Academy to allow as many people as possible to see the Monet exhibition Royal Academy of Aris, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438). Today, tomorrow 10am-10.30pm. Last edmission 10pm. Admission to exhibition £5.

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Festival Hall, London SW1. Today 3pm and 7.30pm. Mutinee £4.50-£9, evening £6-£11. Box office 071-928

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Monday, matinees and evenings. Tickes 26-221. Box office 071-373 8141. Greenwich Concurt: The Royal Naval College Chapel Choir and Orches choir and Orchestra, accompanied by Derek Nimmo, in a Christmas concert of carols and readings. Royal Naval College Chapel, King William Walk, Greenwich, London SE10. Wednesday 7.30pm. Adults £5.50-£9, child £4.50-£8. Further information 081-317

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Johnny Wallington is in mid-spiel,
wedged in on all sides by a cocoon
of fluffy toys, wild-eyed dolls,
boxed games and childish gadgets. a portly balding Ali Baba of London's East End.

Christmas has come - in varying degrees - to London's street markets, and here in East Street, south of the Thames, the lampposts are adorned with coloured lights and glittering festoons and topped with Santa Clauses, snowmen and fir trees.

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Despite the seasonal trappings, however, for which the 260 licensed traders paid about £13,000, Christmas spirit is in short supply.
"The punters are depressed," says Mr Wallington, whose father and grandfather ran the toy stall before him. "You can have a chatter with some of the old garls but the young ones aren't interested." Only a handful of the "hedge" (crowd) that gathers around the stall is spending any money on toys.

He puts the mood down to the economy, "Normally there's no upper limit to the spending. This year we've found that the average is between £3 and £5." Last year his top seller was the BMX scooter for £35. This year it is a Mickey Mouse doll costing £8.

The result is that the manufacturers are offloading stocks and, according to Mr Wallington, "you can buy a bloody good bargain (excuse my French)". He is selling £18 brand-name dolls for £7 and £14 soft toys for £5.

Over the road, squeezed between a stall selling tinsel Christmas decorations and another selling trainers, Tony Feasey is offering glasses of hot sarsparilla for 25p. The punters this year are more interested in finding value for their money than anything else." says Mr Feasey, who has had a stail in East Street for 26 years. "And there's not the rapport there used to be between traders. Everybody's under pressure now."

But the jellied eels - cockney caviare" — at £1.10 a bowl are seiling well to punters and traders alike on market days (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday:

A 37ft banner emblazoned with "Merry Christmas" hangs across the front of the Robert Browning IN LONDON ...

Street markets are

hit by the unseasonal slump, but are still full of bargains for

gift-hunters in a rush, Sally Brompton says



Christmas bargains: East Street market trader Johnny Wallington

Primary School, which most of the traders once attended. This is the first Christmas that East Street has been decorated and the stallholders are justifiably proud. But listen in on their early morning gossip over mugs of tea and greasy bacon sandwiches and the discussion is about why business is so bad.

Across Tower Bridge, behind Aldgate Tube station, Christmas shoppers are flocking to Sunday morning's Petticoat Lane, which is based on Middlesex Street and its nine surrounding streets. The 850 stalls sell everything from fur coats and fine china to tourist tat,

but it is the cheaper stuff which is selling best this year.

Fay Stern remembers Christmases past when the traders would push their stalls to one side when business finished at 2pm, wind up an old gramophone and dance in the street. These days, few of the stallholders live in the area and tend to rush home when their "flash" (merchandise) is packed away. Mrs Stern, aged 85, has given up her linen stall and is honorary secretary of the Petticoat Lane branch of the Stepney Street Traders Association.

In Chapel Market, between King's Cross and the Angel, the council has hung lanterus from the lampposts and there are Christmas lights stretching from one end of the street to the other, eclipsing stallholder Ron Granger's col-oured winking lights, which are normally the highlight of the market's Christmas decorations.

The 250 stalls sell everything from clothing and jewellery to curtains and household goods to a clientele which ranges, according to Mr Granger, from 'the green welly brigade from Barnsbury, to the ordinary working people around King's Cross, to the tourists who get off the trains and wander up here while they're waiting for their coaches". The Christmas trees are selling better than soft toys and clothing.

t Gabriel's Wharf, on the South Bank next to London Weekend Television, the regular Friday craft market will be extended to Wednesday and Thursday in the week before Christmas. Here the 40 stallholders sell clothing, hand-made jewellery, hats and bags. Many also have stalls at the larger craft market at Camden Lock on Saturdays and Sundays, returning to their homes in the country during the week to knock up more merchandise. Others run their stails as a side-line, working at other jobs during the week.

Greenpeace will be singing carols at Camden Lock on the afternoon of December 16. There will also be hot spiced cider, roast chestnuts, organic and non-organic mince pies, and the veg-etable stall at the front of the market has been temporarily transformed into a stall selling Christmas wrapping paper and tree decorations.

The lock's 250 stalls sell potential gifts ranging from home-made hazelnut, almond and cherry fudge for 60p a bag up to



Cold comfort in Covent Garden market: "Everybody is depressed," says the chairman, Ray Green

individual gold rings for almost £1,000. There are puzzle games, stained-glass windows, pottery and Vietnamese snacks, produced by a former boat refugee.

Karen-Ann Gledhill makes sil-

ver and gold jewellery ranging from £8 for a small pair of study up to £650 for 18 carat gold rings with a mixture of diamonds and other precious stones. "So far I've been selling to people who are looking for Christmas presents but end up buying the jewellery for them-selves," Ms Gledhill says, "which is not a bad thing, I suppose."
In common with Ms Gledhill, Graham Bacon has a workshop at

Gabriel's Wharf and a stall at Camden Lock. He imports carpets, kelims, hats, socks and gloves made by the nomadic Mujahedin refugees in Afghani-stan, which he sells for between £2.50 for a pair of gloves and £200 for his most expensive carpet. He increased his stock of £100 items after finding "there's more and more £100 cheque cards around". Covent Garden's covered Jubilee Market is also suffering the unseasonal slump. "Everyone is so bloody depressed," says chairman Ray Green. "It stems from the customer to the trader."

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Jean Robson, of Handmaid, is

finding coach trippers with credit cards are her best customers. She sells hand-painted boxes and handmade lingerie and baby clothes. But after 11 years in Jubilee Market, this is her quietest Christmas. Both she and Mr Wilkin share Mr Green's sentiment: "If they'd take 2 per cent off the interest rate, we'd be smiling."

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• Newcastle's Quayside street market is one of the few legally entitled to trade on a Sunday, thanks to an Act of Parliament in 1976. Since the same act prohibits the city council from making a profit, the traders' overheads are low. Well-known local pitchers include Don Harris, who sells towels, and Kitty Hope, who sells stotties, a kind of Geordie bread, With 250 stalls, the Quayside is larger than Newcastle's Bigg market, open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays with only 35 stalls.

• The Moor, Sheffield has about 100 stalls set up Monday to Saturday. Traders sell a variety of goods from wicker baskets to handmade pots and party nuts.

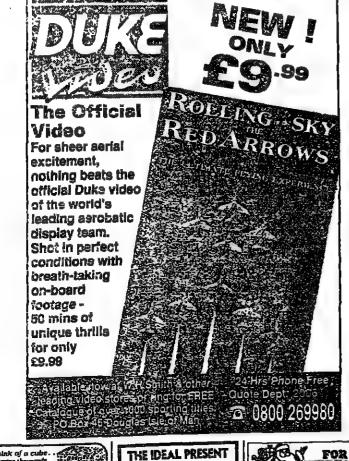
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 Lock Meadow in Maldatone is a general retail open-air market on Fuesdays and Saturdays with 450 stalls. More specialised markets are held on Thursdays, "house clearance" day, and on Fridays for fruit and veg.

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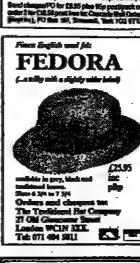
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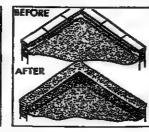
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Impressionist sales have been disastrous, Sarah Jane Checkland reports, but there is good news about British artists

Houses at war against themselves

Sotheby's and Christie's have suffered severe

setbacks, and each is blaming the other

fler the worst week for sales of Impressionist paintings within recent memory, the two leading auction houses are blaming each other for the slump. After Tuesday night's sale at Sotheby's, Michel Strauss, the company's head of Impressionism, attributed the failure - takings totalled £6.69 million compared with last year's £60.8 million — to the fact that Christie's, which held its auction the previous night, had been too ambitious with its estimates. The lack of confidence caused by

Christie's, he said, had caught on. Charles Allsopp, a director of Christie's International, says he is surprised by Sotheby's comment as his company's sale "could not have had any effect whatsoever on

theirs".

Christie's limped in with a total of £10.3 million, with only 25 per tent sold. Casualties included an important Picasso and Elizabeth Taylor's Van Gogh. The Asylum and Temple at St Remy.
"If Sotheby's is looking for a

culprit," Mr Allsopp says, "it should look at its colleagues in New York who put on the Henry Ford II sale which we were forced to follow." He was referring to an auction last month at which his rivals had guaranteed to pay the Ford estate \$50 million (£25.5 million) whether or not the 36 works were soid. In the event the sale went so badly that trading in Sotheby's shares was temporarily suspended on Wall Street the

following morning.

Even before the flak started flying, it had been an uncomfortable week at the Impressionist sales. Gone was the bingo hall atmosphere of last year, when eager clients thrust their numbered bidding paddles in the air. Gone were the leading Japanese players, such as the Fuji and galleries. Aska International, erstwhile trawlers of undistinguished Renoirs, cancelled just before the auctions.

At Christie's, the strain spoke volumes from the brow of the normally ebullient Mr Alisopp, the auctioneer. His sale concluded with an unearthly shrick from the microphone. At Sotheby's, the atmosphere was even worse. Before the sale, a Japanese was seen refusing to register for a bidding paddle, saying: "I have no need, thank you." However, the percentage sold by Sotheby's in terms of lots — 40 per cent — was an improvement on Christie's.

Lord Gowrie, the Sotheby's chairman, had installed a woman, Melanie Ciore, at the rostrum, This innovation - important Impressionist sales have been until now a male province - was countered by an unfortunate rearrangement of the room whereby, instead of being backed by a support group of telephone op-erators, Ms Clore was marooned like Joan of Arc on her pyre with Lord Gowrie standing beside her locking like an executioner.

On both occasions, Richard Green, the colossus of Bond Street with three premises, rose from his prominent central seat after a few lots and moved out, emphatically,

The reasons for the slump are multiple. Some, such as the Gulf confrontation and the erratic behaviour of the world's markets, are outside the auctioneers' control. But, even had these not occurred, the Impressionist market had been hurtling towards a "Sotheby's and Christie's have

in my opinion set Japanese against Japanese and European against Japanese, and this one against that one, and they have tried to become art dealers," Mr Green complained. "I don't think they have made a very good job of it." The auctioneers established

cunning methods of attracting buyers, thereby establishing a speculative spiralling of prices. One by one they backfired, Examples include the practice whereby Sotheby's lends money to poten-



Break with tradition; Melanie Clore on Sotheby's rostrum this week

tial buyers. There was an outcry when it was discovered that they had lent Alan Bond, the Austratian businessman, half the \$53.9 million (£26.95 million) be paid for Van Gogh's Irises just after the worldwide stock market crash in October 1987. The fear was that the price paid was unrealistic.

the practice of auctioneers "guaranteeing" prices for a given collection in order to secure a consignment is another example. The arrangement is that they become the owners of objects if they fail to sell. This happened when Sotheby's was left with \$23.5 million (£11.75 million) of paintings from the Henry Ford II collection last month. In the event, momentum picked up for the subsequent sales, due to the final practice of

lowering reserves.
In Britain, apprehensive sellers are persuaded to make panic adjustments to the reserve prices, sometimes a reduction of 40 per cent. In the short term, this can

ensure a sale and, therefore, the auctioneer's commission. In the long term it adds further confusion to a price structure which is

already crazy.
"From the auctioneer's point of view, it is better to sell things at even half the price they might have fetched a year ago than not to sell at all," says Julian Agnew, the dealer. "But you cannot create a market when one isn't there." As for the future, that is partly up to President Saddam and the

world economy. Many corners of the art market which have been free of speculation, such as furniture, silver and jewellery, will no doubt continue to stroll along happily. As for Impressionism,

Because owners of quality works are understandably holding back, both Sotheby's and Christie's plan to reduce the number of Impressionist sales they have a year from three to two. The awful truth is that, having lived by publicity, the Impression-ist market may have died by it.

A words guide to attic art

Which British artist painted or sculpted what and when?

Here is a timely tome that tells all

rtists, so the convention trialists working against the odds. It is apt, therefore, that the first dictionary of their 20th century British mani-festations has been produced in similar circumstances.

For four years Frances Spalding has laboured virtually alone in archives, galleries and the bed-room of her north London flat piecing together the Dictionary of British Art: 20th Century Painters and

The achievement is all the greater because Britain, despite a reputation for philistinism, pro-duces more artists than anywhere else in the world. Mrs Spalding's catchment embraces more styles, media and methods than any previous century.

Her book follows an ill-fated

attempt in the early Seventies by the American-financed Paul Melion Foundation to produce a dictionary of British artists.

The new book, placed together with the previous volumes in the Antique Collectors' Club series of British art dictionaries, means that this small, private publishing company has succeeded where the mighty Mellon foundation failed. Last week, the author was apprehensive as the publication

date drew nigh. "I'm going to get a very mixed mailbag," she said, "what with aggrieved letters from those who have been omitted, or those who feel I've missed out the one particular honour of which they are so proud." However, the collective sigh of relief from dealers, collectors and art historians, who will from now

on be saved similar efforts, will no doubt drown any complaints. Mrs Spelding has written numerous art books, including biographies of Vanessa Bell and Roger Fry. Research has ranged from

tracing the progress of artists back

through the chains of exhibitions in their name, and spending time



trying to persuade certain women artists to reveal their ages. As the gaps in their entries reveal, she failed with Morvenna Thistlethwaite and Nairne Tate.

hoosing who to include in the 7,000 entries was another challege. This is where her ideological even-handedness could be considered a disadvantage. As an art undergraduate at Nottingham university in the early Seventies she was, she says, brainwashed by the dogma of Clement Greenberg, the American critic, whereby the only art that counted was Minimal. Over the past decade, however, her perceptions changed to embrace that "host of slightly eccentric people who picked up on literary and native traditions and ignored the accepted creed": the

The book starts with an ex-cellent potted-history preface. The entries which follow include whimsical biographical details, such as "wife destroyed his paint

Romantics.

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resume work after her death". Sometimes, however, the entries are short on evaluation or description, reducing many artists to a string of dates. This is understandable with some artists on whom information is limited, but disappointing when applied to 20th century greats, such as Stanley Spencer: "Born Cookham, Berkshire, the eighth child of an

organist and piano teacher." The only comment on Ben Nicholson's career as our greatest abstract artist is: "Throughout his long and distinguished career he never surpassed the intensity and concision of his white reliefs, produced during the second half of the Thirties".

However, as Mrs Spalding says: "The book is only a blue-print." And an important one, too.

O Dictionary of British Art: 20th Century Painters and Sculptors is published today by the Antique Collectors' Club (£45).

Bicycles

saddle

WONDER and amazement marked the progress of Kirkpatrick Macmillan, the first pedal cyclist, as he bicycled his way in triumph the 130 miles from Keir to Glasgow in 1842. Staying upright on two wheels seemed to defy nature's laws. and the crowds that greeted him were so enthusiastic that he collided with a spectator and ended up in court.

Before the diamond frame fixed the basic shape of bicycles, there was no limit to the ingenuity of inventors. Their products emerged with two, three or four wheels, and had pedals in the middle, at the front, or even on the handlebars. These inventions can be seen to be believed, in Benson, a small village in Oxfordshire.

Here, in a Nissen hut, a caravan, two lofts and several barns, there is gathered (their owner says) the finest private collection of bicycles in the world Ned Passey, who began his collection 30 years ago with a penny-farthing donated by his father, has more than 500 machines, including specimens of national and historic significance.

There are familiar sights such as the boneshaker turned up in a mansion in

Best Impressions: Top lot at

Sotheby's main Impressionist

sale was Chagall's Couple Sur

Fond Rouge at £090,000. At

Christie's, a winter scene by

Pissarro fetched £1.65 million.

Unimpressed: Christie's Im-

pressionist "Part Li" sale total-

led £2.4 million with 35 per

cent sold. Its sale of water-

colours and drawings totalled

£2.5 million with 46 per cent

sold. The equivalent figures

for Sotheby's were £4.35 mil-

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Coining it: William Herbert

Hunt, brother of Bunker, set a

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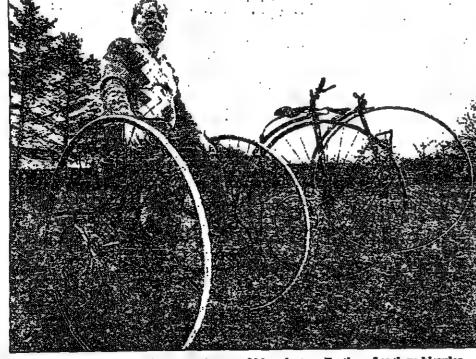
Justin and Tiberius, at Soth-

eby's New York for \$74,250

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million (62 per cent).

Review



The wheel thing: Ned Passey with part of his private collection of antique bicycles

belief, did have brakes: the rider simply had to twist his handlebars for a considerable time before he wanted to stop), and more than 50 "ordinary" or "high" bicycles, as penny-ferthings are properly known. Those who could afford an ordinary — about £25 — were able to look down on hoi polloi for as long as

they remained in the saddle.

The prize exhibit stands inside Mr Passey's bungalow. In perfect condition, the Willard Sawyer, displayed at the Great Exhibition of 1851, was long thought to have been destroyed. The four-wheeler (which, contrary to popular Kent where it had stood since that these treasures have been

1902. Mr Passey bought it in 1984: after interest from overseas, it is the subject of a preservation order to stop it being taken out of Britain.

Some years ago, Mr Passey was visited by a party of Japanese who had arrived in a specially chartered plane to buy his collection for the museum of engineering science in Tokyo. The taxi meter nicked all day as Mr Passey showed them round, but he was firm that nothing was for is a better source of supply.

Buying a veteran bicycle is kerton, the president of the Veteran Cycle Club, thinks that these treasures. John PinNed Passey's collection at 61
Brook Street, Benson, Oxfordshire, is to view by announced.

Aren't you too young to be

"disdainfully treated" by the big auction houses. Charles Dean of Phillips, in

London, says that collectors buy and sell within the clubs and it is impossible to secure machines in sufficient num-bers. John Baddeley, of Sotheby's, says that "anything out of the ordinary" will fetch £6,000 to £10,000, but fewer than 20 bicycles were wheeled through the company's portals last year. The country auction

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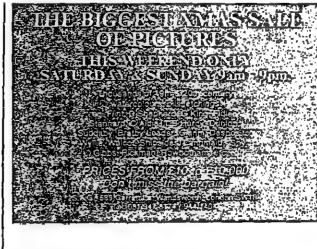
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£1.2 million at Sotheby's to a "private oriental gentleman". Preview

Menday: Christie's has Chinese ceramics, jaces and works of art, notably a Yongle period Ming blue and white lotus dish, estimated at up to £100,000. Sotheby's offers the jewels collected by Ava Gardner and Dorothea Allen.

Tnesday: Constable's Entrance to Fen Lane, a recently rediscovered landscape, is on offer at Phillips (estimate £3

million). Sotheby's has a rare Tang silver cup (estimate £180,000) in its sale of Chinese ceramics and works of

Wednesday: Sotheby's has a Watteau. La Porte de Valenciennes (up to £800,000); Phil. James's, W1 (071-839 9060). Sotheby's, 35 New Bond Street, 30 1071-493 8080), Phillips, 101 (up to £15,000) and roses by Redoute (up to £25,000), but who would not rather have one of Ernest Shepard's original drawings for Winnie the Pooh or Wind in the Willows on sale at South Kensington? Thursday: Sotheby's has & Son. Weymouth Avenue, Dor Canova's marble Apollo at up chester, Dorset (0305 265080).

to £800,000. Bonhams' sale of old masters includes drawings and British paintings. Bloomsbury Book Auctions sale has a strong natural history section. Thursday and Friday: Soth-

eby's has a sale of antiquities, notably a group of Irish Bronze Age gold torcs from the collection of the Dukes of Northumberland. In Dorset, H. Y. Duke & Son has a sale of silver jewels and furniture. Friday: A strong Spanish presence at Christie's main winter

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Letters home from a secretive maestro

Norman Lebrecht on correspondence that will fuel speculation about Karajan's rise

The dark years of Herbert bundle of letters being sold at Sotheby's, New York, on Tuesday. The conductor, who died last year, kept resolutely quiet about his career and sympathies in Nazi Germany. The letters, written to his parents in Salzburg, fill in some gaps and contain at least one ugly anti-Semitic remark.

They do not resolve the controversy of exactly when he joined the Nazi party - whether as an early 1933 enthusiast or, as he claimed, as a reluctant 1935 earthly matters and restore music conscript. Half-

way between the contested dates, in June 1934 while jobless in Berlin, he wrote home refusing to visit an ailing grandmother in Graz, saying he was busy registering with the Reich Chamber of Music. As an Austrian citizen, he was not obliged to enlist with Goebbels' bureau of racially pure and politically phable musicians. Evidently

Soon after, still without visible means of sustenance, he declined a possible opening at the Volksoper in Vienna, complaining that "all of Palestine" seemed to gather there. Any connection with Jewish artists in Austria might have prejudiced his chances in the Third Reich.

Karajan always maintained that he joined the Nazi Party under duress, as a precondition for becoming opera conductor at Aachen. The letters reveal that he was, by then, in great demand, of his phenomenal rise.

with competitive offers coming from Karlsruhe and Berlin. He was able to dictate his own terms rather than submit to pohtical pressure, and managed to negotiate a higher salary than the

mayor of Aachen. What turned the 27-year-old musician into a suddenly desirable commodity remains as unclear as von Karajan have come his activities in Berlin in the unexpectedly to light in a crucial year of 1934 - for which he was twice investigated by the US Justice Department on suspicion of having been a secret police agent. On getting the Aachen job, he gloated that he was now expected to emerge as one of Germany's major conductors within two years. By 1938 he was

In July 1944, eight days after the failed attempt on Hitler's life, he wrote from a spa saying the time had come to "free ourselves" of to its spiritual

> The 138 letters came into the pos-session of Kara-jan's brother jan's brother Wolfgang, with whom he had an uneven relationship. Rivalry flared up when Herbert threatened legal action to stop Wolfgang using the family name while touring America with his organ

Karajan was he joined to signify support for the his privacy, and would presumably have tried to repossess the letters had he known of their existence. They passed to the present, unidentified owner in 1978.

Although Karajan's musical reputation has declined to some extent since his death, it shines undimmed in Japan, where Sony paid more than £10 million for his final legacy of concert videos. Tuesday's bidding is expected to realise \$250,000 (£128,000) from Japanese collectors; independent scholars may never get to examine the conductor's domestic version

Collective swamping

JAZZ John Rae Collective/ Pat Kane Queen Elizabeth Hall

ACCCORDING to their followers in Scotland, the John Rae Collective can already be numbered amongst the premier jazz groups in Britain. Monday's appearance at the South Bank did their reputation no harm, though the sexter still looks some way short of

Led by the drummer John Rae, the musicians have been together for three years, and have just released a new album, The Big If Smiles Again. Their fluent and energetic repertoire falls into that nebulous category known as "post bop", in which youthful enthusiasm and helter-skelter soloing are given first priority.

The first set found them grappling with the sound balance, a task made more difficult by the

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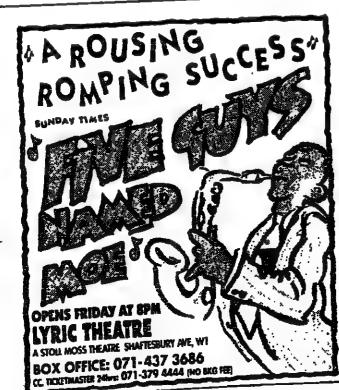
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hall's acoustics. Rae is not the kind of drummer-cum-leader who insists on stamping his personality on every single bar. All the same, be frequently came close to swamping his soloists.

The problems were still apparent when the group was joined by Pat Kane, singer with the pop-band Hue and Cry, on whose album the Collective recently

Kane's opening song was lost amidst the churning of the rbythm section. There was a vast improvement after the Collective was reduced to a duo, with MacKenzie and bassist Ronnie Rae supplying a sparse backdrop on New". Perched on a stool, Kane gave a creditable, if self-conscious performance: on this song, nobody can ever quite escape the shadow of Sinatra. Throughout, he seemed most at ease on ballads, the lack of variation in his voice outweighed by arrangements which made good use of the Collective's ever-

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Time for a change of tune

If our opera houses cannot compete with Europe, they need urgent rethinking, says

Graham Vick. He talks to Richard Morrison

f the future of opera in Britain lies with any one person, that person is probably Graham Vick. European opera houses are queueing to offer him large budgets to stage their productions. Liverpool-born Vick can afford to he selective. "How do you judge what are going to be the lesser nightmares?

In Britain his stagings have shown astonishing range, from the intense poignancy of his Medam Butterfly for English National Opera to his clever elucidation of Luciano Berio's Un Re in Ascolia at Covent Garden. Yet perhaps his finest achievements have not been in opera houses at all, but in the community halls visited by his own company, City of Birmingham Touring Opera (CBTO).

Last year it cut across cultural barriers with an Indian opera by Ravi Shankar, this year it won huge success with its "pocket version" of Wagner's Ring (four nights' music condensed into two; 80 musicians condensed to 18; and audiences cheering at every stop). It has so delighted its paymaster — Burmingham City Council — that the local authority has vastly increased its subsidy and promised a new, 500-seat theatre for the company by 1992.

Whichever way one looks at it, Vick is floating to the top of the operatic pool. All the more disconcerting, then, to hear him express forebodings about the very future of big opera in this country. despite the so-called opera boom of the last few years.

He contends that the notion of London's two companies, the Royal Opera and English National Opera, being considered part of the top international circuit is now ludicrous, so small has the subsidy become in comparison with that given to their foreign counter-parts. "We can't compete anymore; all our companies are spiralling downwards. There should be at least one opera company capable of putting on big productions. Here, the only option is the low-budget one." Vick flourishes some devestat-

ing figures. "For the production of Weill's Mahagonny which I did in Florence this summer, I was given a budget of £750,000, whereas for staging the world premiere of Supplied Oliver's Timon of Athens for ENO, I'll be given a £65,000 budget. For doing Otello in Berlin in the spring I will have a budget of £600,000, whereas two operas I am doing for the Royal Opera are budgeted at £140,000 each.

"IF YOU believe in God, then

anything is possible." Most of us

farries for just long enough to prevent Tinkerbel from snuffing it

in Peter Pan, but this preachy "family" show (adapted by Jeremy Lloyd from his best-selling

Woodland Gospels According to

Captain Beaky) may stick in some

I felt slightly queasy watching Captain Beaky and his band of

evangelists hoppity-skip about the

stage, vainly searching for some rodent agnostic or insect atheist to

convert to the ways of Jesus. Artful Owl (Patrick Cargill) tells the story of the gospels attractively

enough, caimly briefing the ani-mals as if he is Ohi Wan Kenobi

explaining the force to Luke

Skywalker. But the dialogue is

post-Christian teeth.

manage to believe in

The difference is just absurd." Could it not be argued that small budgets challenge the director's ingenuity? "That's nonsense. Of course it is part of my job to cope with a restricted budget. My point is that if we want Covent Garden to return to the international league, our expectations must be of a different order. Tuny budgets undermine everything: singers, conductors, rehearsals."

But Vick also sees other dangers for British opera, not directly related to funding. Surprisingly, he is a severe critic of what is usually termed "producer's opera": a staging in which the opera has been twisted and squeezed into a visual or historical "concept" that bears little relation to that envisaged by the composer. When such productions drifted into British opera houses in the late 1970s, they had shock impact. Now Verdi in jackboots is a chebé.

ick argues that British directors are obsessively following Continental fashion. "There is a V fashion. "There is a magnic instruct. We are overinfluenced by what happens in Frankfurt or wherever. German theatre was where 'director's theatre' grew up. The director there was always a dictator who marshalled his forces in order to communicate some strong concept. In Britain, by contrast, the best directors worked within the tradition of making the spoken word and the actors central Now, says Vick, we are trying to

adopt the European concern with concept, which appears new and Our own tradition is slipping away. And the enormous emphasis placed on the visual aspect of opera has led to a lack of concentration on the vocal expression. I find, again and again, inadequate vocal and musical preparation, and casting done on purely physical grounds."

Vick is equally scathing about

the customary contribution of conductors: "A lot of them don't come to production rehearsals: it's a much-suppressed truth." Nature abhors a vacuum, so Vick tends to mould the vocal performance as he is rehearsing the staging; he admits that this has sometimes led to difficulties later.

The CBTO policy of staging cutdown operas is not original. Vick was himself staging pocket operas with Opera-Go-Round in Scotland at the start of his career. But touring companies have tradition-

Twee tales from the woods

THEATRE

Heaven's Up

Playhouse

wispy Turin Shroud of a plot.

gelists come up against their old adversary, Hissing Sid. Like so much else about Wendy Toye's thoroughly unmagical production,

the snakes are disappointing; mere glove puppers sticking out of holes

in the gnarted, knotted trees of

Claire Lyth's set, whose soaring, creepered heights dwarf the actors.

The tacky, tarty costumes have the whriff of some purgatorial Oxfam frequented by fallen an-gels. Beaky himself (Mike Berry)

resembles a cross between a mangy capon and Captain Bird's

Then the band of cute evan-



Graham Vick: "We can't compete anymore; all our companies are spiralling downwards." present, companies are trapped in

ally been minor-league: training camps for young singers. Rarely does a producer of Vick's stature

One of his aims is clearly to widen operatic appreciation. "After the first night of the Ring Saga, a radio reporter asked a man in the audience if he had ever been to an opera before. He replied, 'Only once: it was an Indian opera'. So for that man, opera as an artform is defined by Ravi Shankar's Ghanashyam and then by our pocket Ring. Isn't that terrific?" But Vick's other chief aim is

even more radical: to demonstrate that the opera company of the future could have total flexibility, unencumbered by permanent orchestras and choruses. "CBTO can do anything it wants, and that's how opera generally should go. At

Sixties Halloween party - who steals the show. She gives a

sparkling performance, singing with a voice that resembles Ratty

crushed-velvet costume in the

lower gears, but which, once

revved up, begins to take on the

qualities of a laser-beam à la

Jim Parker's music is inoffen-

sively quaint and studded with

pretty tunes, but too many of the

songs are ensemble bashes, with

the cast standing in a line chant-

ing, as if at a Sunday-school singalong. As a result, the charac-ters' individual qualities are never

firmly established, and it is hard

not to feel alienated by so shabby a

work with so palpable a design.

The show makes an attractive

scripture lesson, but it is a flaccid

musical, as tame as it is twee.

Bonnie Langford.

19th-century structures. Vick points out that last year, for Ghanashyam, CBTO consisted of 15 Asian musicians, while this

year its orchestra has comprised the 18 symphonic instrumentalists needed for Jonathan Dove's Wagner re-orchestration. CBTO's next project - a staging of Les Boréades by the 18th-century composer Rameau - will require completely different forces again; Baroquestyle performers (plus a choreographer who, says Vick, "is expert in 18th-century dance but has his heart in Merce Cunningham"). That kind of flexibility is difficult for normal companies.

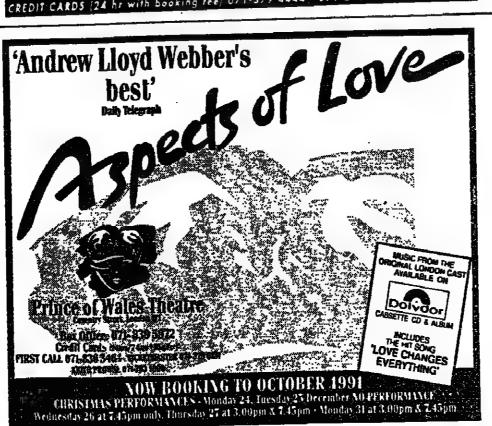
A more unlikely prophet of doom than the unepressibly chirpy Vick would be hard to imagine. That makes his warnings the more

striking. At Covent Garden there are rumours of new productions being cancelled, of redundancies, and even of the season being curtailed to a few months in order that at least one or two big productions are mounted. At ENO the new younger sudiences won in the 1980s have been hit hard by the recession. Even if the government wrote off the big companies' deficits, the increase in subsidy needed to bring them back into international reckoning is now too large to contemplate realistically. Opera administrators must examine the success of alternative approaches, and ponder the future hard.

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© CHOICE: Francis Coppola's low-key treatment of the evacuation from the French braiches in 1940 which largely avoids the obvious war film cocktail of gangsters and jazz in Twentim Harlam seems destined to heroics. Director Leslie Norma he remembered more for its troubled (father of Barry) helps to give the film an authentic feel with the use of production history than its quality as a film. Perhaps a movie about the making of The Cotton Club might riporary measureds and there are stalwert performances from John Mills, Richard Attenborough and have been more enthraling then the finished product. The story of how Bernerd Lee. There are guest Coppole inherited the proje



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Kirk leads the Enterprise crew in a

Mr Soock himself, Leonard Nimov, in

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the rapidly self-destructing planet 10.00 News and Sport with Martyn Lewis

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record round matches

11.20 Film: How to Murder Your Wife

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6.00 TV-em: 9.25 Motormouth. Kristian Schmid and Mark Stevens (Todd and Nick from Neighbours) join Neil Buchanan, Gaby Roslin and Andy Crane. Rustie Lee plays havoc in the kitchen and Frank Carson tells jokes. Plus anothe cartoon adventure with Scooby Doo and Mousetrap with Steve Johnson 11.30 The FTV Chart Show. Another selection of videos. The specialist chart

is Dance, and Vintage Videos features Jermaine Stewart 12:30 Posh Frocks And New Troubers. Annubal Giles and Sarah Greene with the fashion magazine (r) 1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weether

1.05 LWT News 1.10 Saint & Greavsie. Iun St John and Jimmy Greaves preview the second round of the FA Cuo. Plus a rounduo of the best of the league action 1.40 Sportsmasters: Fourth Quarter Final, Hosted by Dickie Davles, followed by The Day of the Vesectors man's emotional and physical

experience (r) 2.10 Rags To Riches. Comedy starring Joseph Bologne as a millionaire and his five adopted caughters 3,05 Snooker: The World Matchplay.

coverage of the tournament which carries a winner's prize of £100,000. The competing players are the top 12 ranking professionals, and Jimmy White will be engines to intain the title to won test year. Today he opens his defence against either Mike Hellett or Gary Wildinson. Presented by Tony Francis, with commentary by John Pulmen, Rex Williams, Mark Wildman,

champion Dennis Taylor
4.45 Results Service with Elton Welsby
5.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather
5.05 LIVT News and weather

5.15 Disney Cartoon Time 5.30 The New Adventures of Black sauty: Hope. Vicky (Amber McWilliams) and Beauty stop some children from drowning pupples in a stream. When Vicky goes to challenge them they run off. She turns to see a strange man with a acaned face who calls her Emily 6.00 Catchphrase. Hi-tech computer

game, hosted by Floy Walker 6.30 Bland Date. Clin Black hosts the excruciating dating game w contestants need the gifl of the gab and a "lorra, lorra" luck. (Oracle 7.30 Beadin's About. Jeremy Beadle plays more infantile pranks on me

of an unsuspecting public 8.00 Frederick Forsyth Presents: The Price of the Bride. Peter Egan, Diana Quick and Alan Howard head the cast of another topical spy thriller devised by Forsyth and written by Murray Smith of The Paradise Club. A KGB colonal defects to the CIA during a Nato exercise, but the British Secret intelligence Service is not convinced that he is the real thing. (Coude) 10.00 News with Sue Carpenter, Sport and

10.20 Rowen Abkinson: The Driven Man. CHOICE The birdlike comic embarks on a guilty celebration of the motor car, trying to square his passion for wheels and spead with a responsible attitude towards the environment. He is helped by a couple of control parable passions to the control parable passions. of social psychologists who sit Atkinson on a couch and talk about cars in terms of viritity symbols, female ousness and womb-like security.

How much of this applies in Attanson's case is hard to judge. His own explanation is the more banal one that driving fast cars is the arrogant gesture of a shy and retiring destrict of some state of the solution of the way he treats us to an entertaining journey through surformabile fore, taking in the Motor

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Travel sick: Atkinson on fast cars (10.20pm) Show, the culture of the secondhand dealer and a plummy-volced taxt driver who used to work at Lloyd's and tackles London traffic as if demented. A man from Greenpeace says the car's days are numbered. Alkinson is not sure whether to believe him 11.20 Snooker: The World Matchplay. Continued coverage from Brentwood

Introduced by Tony Francis 12.30am Film: John and Yoko: A Love Story (1985). Mark McGann and Kim Miyori star in a documentary drama made for American television about the troubled 14-year relationship between John Lennon and Yoko One. against a background of music miscarriages, drug busts, Lennon's womanising and inability to hold his drink. Not exactly a flattering view of Lennon to be shown on the tenth anniversary of his death. Directed by Sendor Stem 3.10 American College Football.

Michigan v Minnesota 4.10 The Hit Man And Har 5.10 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cornic Book 7.30 News Sun 7.35 International Times 8.00 Trans World Sport 9.00 News Summary 9.05 Channel 4 Racing: The Morning

9.25 Sing & Swing. Archive jazz from larm of the Unities and Forties 9.30 Same Difference. The programme which reflects the concerns of disabled

people (r). (Teletext) 10.00 The Norway to Broadcasting. A lighthearted look at the history of Norwegien television, including its first broadcasting achievement, the a mort behulf gried ram a to egami 10.30 Film: Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble

(1944, b/w). A musical respite from the usual Hardy family comedy-drama, as Andy (Mickey Rooney) sets off for college where he falls for the charms of the Wilde Twins. Directed by George B. Senz 12:30 A erican Footbalk Red 42. At the latest news and action from the grid-irons of the NFL. Presented by Mick

Luckhurst and Gary Imlach (r) 1.00 Channel 4 Racing from Doncaster. Introduced by John Francombe. Includes a recording of the 12.40 Test Novices' H'cap Hurdle. The following line-up is subject to alteration: Steel Plate and Sections Young Chaners Cualifier (1.10); Constant Security H'cap Hurdle (1.40); Constant Security Hendicap Chane (2.10); and See Figeon H'cap Hurdle (2.40). The race co Graham Goode

3.00 Film: Tinero's No Business Like Show Business (1954). A lavish showcase for the songs of Irving Berlin, hung loosely on the lives of a family of vaudevillians. Ethel Merman and Donald O'Connor star as the stagestruck parents, and Marilyn Monroe gives her sultry rendition of "Heatwave". With Dan Dailey and Johnnie Ray. Walter Lang directs 5.10 Brookside, Onvilous edition.

6.30 Right to Reply. A report on how an English version of Twin Peaks might be made in the Cotswolds; and criticism of Wednesday's Without Wells: J'Accuse on the Rolling Stones. Teletrod)

7.00 The World This Wook, Manua Kubota, vice-chairman of the Japanese Socialist Party, discusses the future of GATT; and President Robert Mugabi of Zimbabwe talks about his nsistence on a one-party state

8.00 Adventures: Transanturctics. The second of two films following a 4,000mile dog sled journey across Antarctics at the beginning of the year. In 24-hour sunlight the international massive crevices and deals with temperatures as low as -45 f (Telement)
9.00 L.A. Law, Slick drams with the Los

Angeles law firm 10.00 Film: Colonel Redi (1984).

 CHOICE: Colored Final was a railwayman's son who rose to become head of military intelligence in the Austro-Hungarian empire, was blackmailed into soying for the Russians and perished in May 1913 in a



trayed: Klaus-Maria Brandaver (10,00pm)

mysterious suicide which may have been connected with his bise Like John Osborne's play, A Patriot For Me, this masterly study by the Hungarian director, letven Szabo (best known for Mephysto) uses the ential facts of the Redi affair but is in no sense a documentary. Rather it s a dramatic investigation of Redi's character and a penetrating discourse on the nature of decert and betrayal. Szabo's film is on an epic scale, setting. Redi's life against the broad sweep of European history and deft interweaving the public and the private. Red is played by Klaus-Maria. Brandauer, a towering performand in which he dominates the screen

without ever seeming to try
12.45am The Week with Jonathan Ross 1.15 Snoops, Another light-hearted mystery with the adventure-prone couple. Starring Tim Reid and Daphne Maxwell Reid

2.10 The Word. With Terry Christian and Amenda de Cedenet (r). Ends at 3.10

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Jimmy White (3.05pm)

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5.25-5.50 Week Ending Satrical review of the week's news (s) (r) 5.50pm Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 News. Sports

RADIO 3

6.55am Weether and News Headines 7.00 Morring Concert: Beethoven (Overture Coriolan, the Prefurmonia under Sanderling), Rameau (Pláce de davecin en concert No 2: Au-en-Provence Festivat Battoria E

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B-30 News
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performs Bach (Prelude and
Fugue in F sharp minor, Book
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musicaux, D 780); Chopin
(Baffade No 3 in A flat, Op 47);
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2.05 BBC Welsh SD in Praguer
Beethoven (Overture: Fidelio);
Tippoff (Piano Concerto: solost, Phalp Fowner); Shellus
(Symphony No 2 in D. Op 43);
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3.50 Tuning Up Recorded at the
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Wagner's Ring cycle (8.00pm)

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Matthews (Second Cvarter),
first performance). The
performance is followed by a
talk between the quartet and
Chin de Soura

5.00 Jazz Record Requests
5.45 Third Opinion a week in the
arts with Christopher Cook,
Robert Dowson Scott and
Adam Mechicles review a
biography of the Italian film
director Luchine Vecconti and
Help, Italiane by Théâtre
de Complicité, features on the
architecture of Nigel Coates;
the status of thim citicosm in
Britant, and Glasgow and
Dublin, cities of culture

5.30 A Marino Concern to mark the
composer's centenary, New
Lascon Ovchestra under
Ronald Corp and BBC Singers
perform Concerto grosso for
chamber orchestra (1937);
Five Czech Madingals (1948);
Concerto for two pianos and
orchestra (1943), Stephen
Coombs and Christopher
Scott, pianos

7.28 Trever Prinnock, heroeichord.

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"Campion's Brag" by Michael Toner (s)
3.45 A Year in Paris on £100.
Extracts from the letters of Dorothy Foster who was studying art in Paris in 1910
4.00 News, Grand Tour. What sur case have meant to 5a: people. Writer and TV presenter Michael Ignaherf in Moscow. Scott, piaros
7.28 Trevor Pinnock, harpeichord,
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for piccolo). Hoplans (The
Golden Flower for alto flute);
Escrivan (Sin ti por el elm
acentro for flute and tape);
Finnissy (Uporra ir bass flute)
11.05 Talvics String Quartet
performe Haydin (Quartet in B
liat, Op 76 No 4), Berthoven
(Quartet in D, Op 18 No 3) (r)
12.00-12.05am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55em Shoping Forecast 6.00
News Breining; Weather 6.10
The Farming Week 6.50
Prayer for the Day (s) 7.00
Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
8.30 News 7.55, 8.58 Weather
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12.00 Money Box with Louise
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12.25pm I'm Sorry, I Haven't a Clue
chared by Humphrey
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Cryer and Graeme Garden
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their views on the datums
raised in Any Questions? 071500 4411
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"Campion's Brieg" by Michael
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4.30 Science Now Peter Evens considers how we should address the plethora of data we are now able to gather

5.00 Staying On in the Rhodesias.

© CHOICE. Quoting from a book he's writing, "Zambles-Joo" Sussman, subject of the first of three interviews by I win Ten Kate eventsees a a Lynn Ten Kale, expresses in a single phrase what the case ior consumation is all about "If all of us could believe with an intensity of purpose that the elephant's trumpet was more wonderful than the growt of a buzzsaw then there will

Round-up 8.25 Chizens (s) Omnibus edition 7.10 Stop the Week (s) with Robert 7.45 Classic Senal The Forsyle Chronicles (s) Episode 11 of a 23-part dramatisation of John Galsworthy's classic novels, narrated by Dirk Bogarde
8,45 Conversation Piece Sue
MacGregor talks to Suites
pop star and successful
businessman, Adam Faith (r)



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BBC 1

8.45 Through the Garden Gate. Dennis Comish visits gardens in Devon (r) 9.15 Celtic Quest, Rosemary Hartill explores St Wilfred's Crypt at Hexham Abbey

10.00 Remember, Remember. A review of the debale on how history should be taught in the light of the new national curriculum (r). Wales: 10.00-12.30pm see You Sunday

10.25 You Are What You Eat: Go with the Grain. Advice on healthy eating (r) 10.50 You and 92: You and Your Nationality. How the advent of the single European market in 1992 will affect Britain's national identity and sovereignty (r) 11.25 A Way with Numbers. The

programme for adults who want to improve their maths 11.50 Help Your Child with Reading. Maggie Philibin examines the help available to children with severe

reading difficulties (r) 12.05 See Hear! 12.30 Country File. Viewers can vote for their favounte photographs in the Radio Times/Country File photo competition, and the winner of the safari holiday in Kenya will be announced. Wales. Farming in Wales 12.55 Weather

1.00 News with Morra Stuart, followed by On the Record. John Nicolson reports from the meeting of the European Community nations in Rom 2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition.

(Ceefax) 3.00 FBm: Chisum (1970). John Wayne as the New Mexico cattle baron John Chisum, detending his territory against a powerful and corrupt businessman. Meandering and undernanding, it makes ideal Sunday afternoon viewing. Co-stars Forrest Tucker, Ben Johnson and Christopher George. Directed by Andrew V. McLaglen. (Ceefax) 4.50 The Clothes Show. Selina Scott,

Jeff Banks, Caryn Franklin and Sheryl Simms talk to people involved in The Clothes Show Live exhibition at Birmingham's NEC

BBC 2

Cartoon (r) 7.35 Playdays (r) 7.55 is

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10.40 Maid Marian and Her Mern

Tony Robinson (r) 11.10 Boxpops 11.50 The O-Zone

12.30 Scrutiny, Iain MacWhirter reports on

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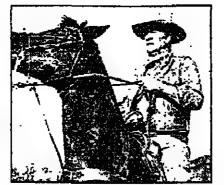
winning conception of former 10CC

9.30 Dungeons and Dragons.

That a Fact? The legend of The Brigand and the Key (r) 8.10 Pinocchio.

Sophie Aldred and Stephen Johnson (r)

7.30 Children's SBC Two: King Rollo



Territorial defence: John Wayne (3.00pm)

5.15 Schofield's Europe: Poland. Philip Schofield continues his guide to Europe with a look at Poland. He visits astern Europe's first commercial radio notation and the Krekow enumation studio, discovers some of the strange things that are put in Polish vodica. and meets Krystyna Janda, star of the film interrogation, which was banned for eight years. (Ceetax) 5.45 The Chronicles of Namia: The Silver Chair. Alan Seymour's attractive

dramatisation of the C.S. Lewis classic (Ceetax) 6.15 Sum Chance. In the last programme in the series, Carol Vorderman talks to Mark James, formerly an unemployed labourer, about how maths changed his life (Ceefax)

6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather 6.40 Songs of Praise. Some of the finest Gospel music in the country can be heard in the New Testament Assembly Church in Tooting, south London. Parn Rhodes joins the regulars for a special celebration of Christian faith. (Ceefax) 7.15 You Rang M'Lord?: The Wounds of

War. Well-crafted Perry-Croft sticom about a wily butter (Paul Shane) and the household he serves. (Ceelax) B.05 Only Fools and Horses . . . The Frog's Legacy. David Jason, Nicholas Lyndhurst and Buster Merryfield star in John Sullivan's brilliant comedy about the wheeler double prothers. This is

drummer Kevin Godley to create a

shown in May as the climax to One

World Week, Features such diverse

Clannad, Sting, Lou Reed, Peter

Orchestra. (r)
4.30 Crime Does Pay. Kelth Blackler reports from Torquay, the birth place of Agatha Christie, where the

centenary of Christie's birth was

and North v South West, Chris Res

introduces two matches in the ADT

Divisional Championship and looks

ahead to the 109th meeting of Oxford and Cambridge on Tuesday

with La premiere nege, the traditional world cup men's downhill curtain

Too Far, With electricity privatisation and environmental pressures

Industry, Michael Robinson reports

Strangers, David Attenborough

continues his compelling natural

history of behaviour by examining the diverse ways in which animals

communicate with one another. (Ceefax)

7.15 The Trials of Life: Talking to

threatening to all but wipe out the coal

on British Coal's current state of health

er from the Val d'lears. Commentary

6.00 Ski Sunday. The new series begins

8.35 The Money Programme: A Closure

by David Vine

celebrated in September this year 5.00 Rugby Special: London v Midland

symphony by some 300 musicians from more than 20 countries was trait

ertists as Suzanne Vega, Dave Stewart,

Sabriel and the Leningrad Symphony

the extended 1987 Christman apisode in which the Trotters see a solution to 9.05 House of Cards. The final part of the wilty political sotire by Andrew Davies. from the book by former Thatcher aide, Michael Dobbs. Having municulated the present incumbent out of Downing Street, the way seems clear for the devious chief whip (lan Richardson) to take over as prime minister. Unless, of course, young Matte (Susannah Harker) stumbles on the truth. (Ceelax) 10.05 News with Michael Buerk. Weather

10.20 Everymen: The Birmingham Wives. CHOICE. Wives (and daughters) of the Birminoham Sox relate the experiences over the 16 years since their men were given life sentences. It is a programme likely to divide viewers according to their view of the case. Those who consider that the men were rightly convicted may not be persuaded by the women's tervent protestations of innocence and accusations that the pokee extracted confessions through beatings and torture. Those who feel there has been a gross miscarnage of justice will see the women as unwitting victims whom voices deserve to be heard. There is much frank talking, about the shock of the sentences, the hostility from the outside world, the effect on relationships and the agony of having hopes raised and dashed.

Some of the most moving contributions come from children barely old enough to know what was happening

when their fathers went to prison 11.00 The Days and Nights of Molly 11.00 The bays and hights of woley

Llodd. More adventures with Blair Brown
as the American real-estate agent.

Northern Ireland: Uater in Focus

11.25 Clean State. Jackie Spreckley

presents the education magazine (r)
11.55 The Sky at Night: Rosat — a Space
Telescope. Patrick Moore discusses the latest information about very short wavelength radiations received via Rosat, an artificial satellite, with Professor Ken Pounds of Lancaster University 12.15em Mahabharet (r) 12.55 Weether

8.05 Not Only . . . but Also . . . (b/w). The last in the senes of vintage comedy aketches from Peter Cook and Dudley Moore. They are joined by, among others, Barry Humphnes and

John Lennon (r). (Ceefax) 8.35 Nippon: Risen Sun. The final episode of Peter Pagnamenta's impressive series examines the difficulties facing Japan because of its economic achievements. How does the rest of the world view Japan, and ents. How does how much of a threat is its financial

strength perceived to be?

9.35 Firm: The Right Stuff (1983). The first part of Philip Kaufman's epic about the early days of American space flight, starring Sam Shepard, Scott Glerm and Ed Harris, Based on Tom Wolfe's bustabler, the film is a handsomely photographed and strongly acted exploration of male obsession which currously flopped at the box-office. It combines the story of Chuck Yeager (Shepard), the first men to break the sound barrier, with an enalysis of the myths and illusions spece will brie shushorism hoods programme as a whole. Part two will shown tomorrow at 9pm. (Cee 11.15 Cricket: Australie v England. Riche

Benaud with highlights of the one-day international from Perth 12.05am Dance Energy. Presented by

Normski (r) 12.45 Repido. Pop programme hosted by Antoine de Caunes (r). Ends 1.20 ITY LONDON

6.80 TV-am 9.25 The Disney Club 10.45 Link: Independent Living. Rosalie Wilkuns talks to people who have helped to make the disabled more independent

11.00 Advent Meditation: Waiting On God. Frank Wright asks how peace of mind and soul can be lound, and why God allows sulfering

12.00 The Human Factor: The King and Me. Ted Harrison meets Etvis Presley fans who make prigramages to the former rock star's grave and pray to his 12.30 LWT News Weekend, Anna Maria

Ashe with news, analysis and a review of vents from around the Thames area 1.00 News with Nicholas Owen. We 1.10 Special Inquiry: Europe or Bust? As John Major prepares to negotiate with his European counterparts for

the first time since becoming prime minister, Special Inquiry looks at the desirability, or otherwise, of Britain becoming part of a tederal Europe. To discuss the European issue, Donald MacCormick is joined in the studio by Gerald Kaufman, MP, the shadow foreign secretary, and Paddy Ashdown, MP, the leader of the Liberal 2.00 Chartie's Angels. The clamorous

detective tno are hired to protect Semmy Davis Jr (r) 2.55 Snooker: World Matchplay Championship. Further coverage of the World Metchplay from Brentwood, where players are competing for the

6.00 Transworld Sport (r) 7.00 Pet

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9.25 Orientations, Presented by Su-lin

World, With vet John Wilson 7.30 Once Upon a Tirre . . Life, Cartoon series travelling through the human body (r) 8.00 Dennis 8.30

Looi and Hi Ching. Includes a visit to the

Reading, includes a report on a meeting

Chi Clinic for skin diseases in south

influence on Amoy in southern China 10.00 A Week in Politics - Second

between members of national

10.45 Dennis: Camping Picnic 11.00 Owl TV. Last in the series (r). (Teletext)

11.30 Grim Tales: The Twelve Huntsmen. Animated tales (r)

11.45 The Astrology Show, Singer Caron Wheeler puls Germin, the sign of the

1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea:

expanding plankton
2.00 Film: The League of Gentlemen

CHOICE: Released when the

Night and Sunday Morning, this

us a comic anachronism, neveral

of its charm. Sharply written by

Bryan Forbes, it draws on familiar

ingredients (a cast of British eccentrics, a bank robbery that goes

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(1960, b/w).

twine, under the microscope 12.00

is invaded by a mysterious strain of

The Price of Doom (b/w). The Seaview

British cinema was being turned upside down by gritty working-class dremas such as Room At the Top and Seturday

Parliaments and the European

Parliament which agreed that the

tter should have more powers

London, and a report on the colonia

£100,000 first prize. Tony Francis introduces today's quarter-final between Steve Davis and either Doug Mountjoy or Martin Clark **CHANNEL 4**

Meet the victims: South Bank Show (10.35pm)

5.05 Sunday Sunday, Glona Hunnstord hosis the friendly atternoon talk show. Her guests are Rita Rudner, pop star Kim Wilde, and actor Jeff Goldblum. Guest critics are magician Geoffrey Durham and Glenys Kinnock 6.00 Bullseye. Dart quiz

6.30 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather

6.40 Highway: Kendal and South Lakeland. Sir Harry Secombe visits Cumbria, where his theme is living together. He meets Kendal musician Jim Noble and the K Shoes Male Voice Chair 7.15 Happy Birthday Coronation Street.

Cilla Black hosts a birthday party to celebrate 30 years of Britain's most famous soap, which was first transmitted on December 9, 1960. Cliff Richard and other show business personalities join the cast for an evening of music, nostalgia and comedy 8.45 News with Nicholas Owen Weather 9.05 Come Home Charlie and Face

Them, in the final edisode of the satisfyingly plotted R F. Delderfield story set in bleak Tharties Wates, Charlie (Tom Radcliffe) smells treachery

wrong) but mixes them in an often

to Jack Hawkins, who in retrospect was a more appropriate choice. He is

deightfully supported by a richness

another for that splendid supporting player, Norman Bird 4.05 Little Mermaid. A Hans Christian

4.15 Nat King Cole Show. The last in the senes is from the 1957 show

be towards the European

Community 5.30 News Summary, and Weather,

4.45 Answering Back. Sir Geoffrey Howe gives his views on the future of the Conservative party after Mrs
Thatcher, and what British policy should

followed by Road to Avonlea. The

further adventures of a young girl

Clair Huxtable (Phylicia Rashad) is

York scientists, Dr Paul Marks, Dr

Breslow, through research and

9.30 Menuhin — A Family Portrait.

CHOICE: Tony Palmer's lengthy film about Yehudi Menuhin takes his

Cancer, A film which follows three New

Richard Rifkind and Professor Ronald

clinical trials on a radical new type of

musical genius for granted and while

life, in rehearsal and performance, it says almost nothing about his artistic

it contains ample footage of his public

sent to live with her late mother's to 6.30 The Cosby Show: Birthday Blues.

serenaded on her 48th birthday

7.00 Equinox: Towards a Cure for

anti-cancer drug. (Teletext) 8.00 American Football

Hatten and Kally McGilla also as two last

11.35 Cutting Class (1986): When a

marders takes place

1.15am No Way Out (1987) Keven
Costers sizes as a new officer who size
a lover (Sean Young) with the US
retary of State for Defense (Gene Hack
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recruits the robber gang, but

unexpected way. Cary Grant was originally pencilled in as the central character, the former army officer who

distriked the schot. The role went instead

of British acting talent, including Richard Attenborough, Roger Livesey and Nigel Patrick, with a part for Forbes and

from Beppo (Jon Soresi) and Delphine (Jennifer Calvert) but the bank 10.05 Spitting Image. More irreverent mickey-taking from plastic puppets (and 10.35 The South Bank Show: Spltting CHOICE. In Alan Benson's film

postponed from November 11, victims confront their plastic efficies in a retrospective of seven years of savage comedy Most of the targets are pretty good about it, considering, with Steve Davis and Roy Hattersley entering fully into the spirit and only Edward Health totally failing to see, the joke Sir David Steel is generous although he admits that his depiction as David Owen's political lackey may have damaged him. The strongest critic is Sir Robin Day, who says Spitting Image is biased against democracy, decency and reasonable behaviour. Made well before the resignation of Mrs Thatcher the film is a reminder of how cleverly Steve Nation impersonated her John Major must be an impressionist's nightmare, although on recent evidence what the show needs is not better voices or better puppers but a blood transiusion in the writing department

11.35 Snooker: The World Matchplay. Steve Davis's progress in the second quarter-final from Brentwood, in which he will play either Doug Mountjoy or Martin Clark

1.00 Golf: PGA Tour '90. J C Penney
Classic 2.00 The Time Tunnel (r)

3.00 Indy Cart World 4.00 Pick Of The Week 4.30 Throb. More maynem at the disaster-prone record company (r)

5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

The private man revealed: Menuhin (9.30pm)

achievement. Palmer is more interested in trying to reveal the private man, which he attempts through extensive interviews with Menuhin and members of his family, notably his elderly mother, his sisters, his children and his second wife. There emerges a gentle and sensitive figure who has found it difficult to relate to even those closest to him and who has needed strong women to push him along. This role was taken first by his mother and then by his second wife, like a small child. The failure of his first marriage, and estrangement from his children, is represented as a deepty wounding episode in his life from which music provided a thankful

11.35 Film: No End (1984). Continuing the short season of Europeen films, this is Krzysztof Kieslowski's provocative and colourful study of Polish life under martial law in the early Eighties. It combines the stories of a widow (Grazvna Szapolowaka) and the imprisonment of a worker accused of organising an illegal strike. In Pokeh with English sublities. Ends at 1.30

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7.35 Monning Concert (cont):
Walton (Crown Imperial,
Coronation March: RLPO
under Groves); Korngold
(Sextet, Op 10: Bertin Sextet)
Scheidt (Battle Suite: Philip
Jones Brass Ensemble)
8.30 Ness

Telemann (Quartet in G: Barthold Kuilken, flute, Sigiswald and Wieland

Kuşken, viole de gambas, Robert Kohnen, harpsichord); Bach (Cantata No 62, Nun

lamoncourt, the Tolz Boys

counter-tenor, Kurl Equituz,

Quintet for piano and strings

op 44 in E flat) and Seethoven

tenor, Ruud van der Meer,

Chor, Peter Jelosits, bo soprano, Paul Esswood,

9.15 Busch String Quartet: The quartet, with Rudolf Serkin, piano, performs Schumann piano, performs Schumann

(Cuartet in F. Op 135) 10.15 Music Weekly with Peter Paul

11.90 Bernstein Conducts: Mahler

Thousand". London

Symphony Chorus and Orchestra and Leeds Festival

Anna Reynolds, Norma

McIntyre, bass) 12.50pm Table Talk: Leske Forbes

1.00 News 1.05 Your Concert Choice:

Proctor, contraitos, John Mitchesk, bentone, Vladsmir Razdak, bentone, Donald

laiks to art histonan Akstar Smith in the National Gallery

Telemann (Overture in G "Burlesque de Ouxole":

Berlin Academy for Early

about painting food on canvas

Music; Mozart (Sonata in D. K448; Alfred Brendel, Walter Klen, pianos), Ravel (Alborada del gracioso Crichestre National de la Radodiffusion Franciasa i unifer Stokowski);

Française under Stokowski); Hinderwith (Concerto for harp,

voodwinds and orchestra: Little Symphony Orchestra of

Nash, Lawrence Hughes's

report from Prague about

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with Janel Baker, Symphony

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Sen Francisco under Miller); Handel (Organ Concerto in B fast, Op 7 No 1, Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra under

Barroque Orchestra under Koopman)

2.30 Eisabeth Schwarzkopf (born December 9, 1915): A rectal given by the soprano recorded at the Festival Hall, London in December 1968, with Geothey Parsons, piano: Wolf (Was für ein Lied soll dir gesungen werden?), im Frühling, Phanomen, Wend! ich in dem Morgentau, Kennet du das Land?), Schubert (Suleika, 1 and 2, Was bedeutet die Bewegung, Ach, um deine

Bewegung, Ach, um deine feuchten Schwingen. Gretchen am Spinnrade); Wolf (Wiegenlied im Sommer,

Zigeunerm): Strauss (Drei Lieder der Ophelia, Memern Kınde, Das Rosenband, Ach

was Kummer, Qual und Schmerzen), Wolf (Sagt, seid Ihr eu, teiner Herr, in dem

Schatten meiner Locken, Ach

m Maien war's, O war' dein

Haus durchsiching wie ein Glas, Nem junger Herr, Wir haben beide lange Zert Geschweigen, Wer nef dich denn); Strauss (Multertanderlie); Schubert

(Seligkert)
4.00 Poet of the Month: P.J.

Kavanagh 4.10 Langham CO under Frank

Shipway, with Jifl Gomez, soprano, perform Bridge (Suite for string orchestra); Britten (Les Huminations, Op 18 (r) 5.00 Soundlings: Sir Colin Deavs in

conversation with Michael

Claver
6.00 Toward the Light with Advent motets by Jacob Handi, Jacob Handi (Veni redemptor

gentum, Aspiciens a longe, Vox clamantis, Cante tuba,

Veni ascendans); Samuel Scheidt (Organ variations on

Vers redemptor gentrum); Bach (Nun komm der Heiden

Heland Cantores as vincula)
7.00 Enescu: The Lausanne CO

under Lawrence Foster performs Dixtuor for wind

Masur conducts the London

Philharmonic, London Philharmonic Choir, Sarah

instruments
7 30 Sunday Play The Holy Terror

by Simon Gray (r) 9.35 London Philharmonic: Kurt

Philharmonic Choir, Serah Walker, contraito in Schums (Symphorry No 2 in C) and Brahms (Alto Rhapsody) 11:25 William Howard, piano performs Piers Hellawell (Das Leonora Notenbuch) Chopin (Ballade No 4, Op 52) 12:00-12:05am News

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(s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shapping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, Weather 5.10 Prolude (s)

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7.15 On Your Farm: Oliver
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Walston meets Essex farmer Jum McCauley 7.40 Sunday, incl 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50 Appeal by Canon Geoffrey Brown on behalf of the St Martin's Christmas Appeal 8.55 Weather

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Alistair Cooke (r)

9.30 Morning Service from the
Parish Church of St Alkelda,

Giggleswick, Settle, North

10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition 11.15 News Stand: Robin Lustig reviews the periodicals 11.30 Pick of the Week with

Margaret Howard (s) (r) 12.15pm Desert Island Dracs: Sue

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1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55

2.30 Sunday Playhouse (a) Frost in May by Antonia White: a

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s Mother Firgain and Mildred, Brenda Kaye as Mila Grey and Sieter Jones, John Graham as Fr Parry, and Lewis Stringer

as Fr Robertson (f)
3.30 The Radio Programme: Leurie
Taylor reviews the changing
face of radio (s)

4.00 News; Analysis considers the

4.47 Time For Verse: Carol Ann

Duffy visits the Janneau

King's Lynn Festival 5.00 News; Down Your Way: BBC

political editor John Cols in

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8.30 Europhile: Magazine exploring
the name up Europe (r)
7.00 The Root of the Matter: Key
issues from the perspective of
the people involved
7.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Force talks to
John Cleese about his literary
influences (f)

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Carter reviews recent anthologies of fairy tales
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legend reaches its fifth part with much clashing of steel

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Weekend blizzards on the way for Britain

By NICHOLAS WATT AND KERRY GILL

AS THE first big snowfall of the winter swept across northern Britain yesterday six people were killed in road accidents and the Meteorological Office issued a severe weather alert warning of blizzards over the weekend.

Although the temperature will remain at freezing today, stong winds will make it feel about -12°C. Snow will fall everywhere and there will be blizzards with very little visibility on the Scottish mountains, the Lake District and on the Pennines.

The Meteorological Office said that elsewhere winds of up to 30mph would reach gale force in coastal areas.

Arctic weather conditions meant that temperatures fell to -7°C in the sheltered Scottish glens last night and throughout England and Wales temperatures hovered around freezing. The icy conditions are expected to persist until at least the middle of next

The Glasgow Weather Centre issued an avalanche warning as prolonged snow showers coupled with strong winds led to dangerous conditions in mountain areas. Slopes above 2,100ft were worst affected, particularly in the Cairngorms. The deepest snowfall yesterday was more than three inches at Aviemore.

Heavy snowfalls caused problems on roads in hilly areas of the North-East of England yesterday Durham Police reported difficulties on the county's two main trans-Pennine routes into Cumbria. The roads were still passable but police urged motorists to drive with care.

In Scotland the first severe snows of the winter made some Highland roads treacherous. Grampian police said several main roads were blocked with snow while others were passable only with extreme care. A multiple accident on the A74 Glasgow to Carlisle road left the southbound carriageway blocked for more than an hour. There were no serious injuries.

The main A9 route north through the Highlands was said to be passable only "with care" in three places and one road, the B974 Banchory to Fettercairn route, was blocked completely.



Snow district: A larry rumbles carefully along the M6 in Cumbria, but snow, mist and wind closed one lane at Shap Fell

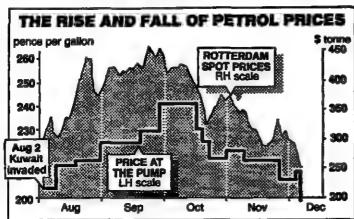
Petrol heads below £2

PETROL prices are set to fall below £2 a gallon for the first time since Iraq invaded Kuwait in August. A new round of price cuts at the pumps was under way yesterday as Fina reduced the price of four-star petrol by 7.3p a

gallon to 199.6p. With oil prices steady at about \$27 a barrel, widespread reductions by competitors appear likely by Monday. A spokesman for BP said: "We want to make sure oil prices stabilise before announcing

any changes, to avoid a yo-yo effect which does nobody any good."

Petrol prices have remained volatile since the invasion, reflecting the uncertainty that bas gripped international oil markets, and peaked at a record 240.5p a gallon. Oil companies were accused of profiteering after making the first substantial increases just three days after the invasion, but were cleared after an enquiry by the Office of Fair Trading.



Kohl and Mitterrand seize EC initiative

By PHILIP JACOBSON AND MICHAEL BENYON

PRESIDENT Mitterrand of France and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, joined forces yesterday and signed a long-awaited "common letter" setting out their shared objectives for political union in the European Community. On the eve of next week's EC summit in Rome, they called for continued expansion of the role of the European Council.

The joint declaration is a clear attempt by France and Germany to retain the initiative in shaping the discussions at the Rome

It was a joint call by President Mitterrand and Chancellor Kohl before the Dublin summit in April for an urgent deepening of EC integration in response to events in Eastern Europe that launched the proposals for a separate inter-governmental conference on political mion.

Yesterday, addressing them-selves formally to the Italian president, Giulio Andreotti, who will take the chair at the summit, the two leaders were evidently

more concerned with letting their partners know exactly where they

Much of their message appeared to be directed at the British government, in particular a proposal that majority voting should become more or less the rule in the more powerful European Council they envisage. In future, excep-tions would be limited and care-For M Mitterrand and Herr

Kohl, seemingly back on a united track again, it is an urgent need that the Council should promote a "deepening" of the process of integration on the way to European union.

They are also convinced that political union must include "a real common security policy that will eventually lead to common

The two leaders repeated their earlier declaration in favour of a common foreign policy for the community, emphasising that it would have to operate in all

A Master of Caius reaches 90 and an epic work goes on

today celebrate the ninetieth birthday of a man who is rated by some as the greatest academic of the century. Yet, after a prolific and distinguished career spanning seven decades, Joseph Needham is little known outside the academic community.

A leading embryologist in the 1930s with work on science and religion already behind him, Dr Needham changed direction to embark on the monumental Science and Civilization in China. Ten volumes and more than two million words later, he is still engrossed, promising three volumes on medicine before giving way to others.

During the compilation of his epic project, he has also been a driving force behind the inclusion of science in Unesco's remit, as well as its first director

of natural sciences, master of Gonville and Cambridge, and hand to be made a fellow of both the Royal Society and the Brit-ish Academy. There is now a stitute in Cambridge bearing his name, fund-

Needham: "He is a very achievement ed from private

donations from three continents. Dr Needham's consuming interest in China was sparked in 1936 by the arrival in his Cambridge laboratory of three Chinese chemistry students. Last year, after the death of his first wife, he married one of them, Lu Gwei-djen, herself now a senior academic at the university. Apart from time with Unesco

and as a scientific counsellor in Chiang Kai-shek's China, Dr Needham has spent most of his life in Cambridge. "I've never been willing to go away," he said. "I was the master of Caius, and if you do as well as that at Cambridge you don't want to go anywhere else."

Now partly crippled by arthritis, Dr Needham is seldom seen around the university, preferring to immerse himself in his next volume

troupe of morris men, the Chinese ambustedor and Cambridge dons will which he hopes will appear in a year's time. Previous volumes have unearthed discoveries unknown even to the Chinese and although originally a medical student himself, he is finding medicine a more difficult subject than most.

The accolade of the greatest scholar of the century was conferred by Professor Mansel Davies, of the University Coll-ege of Wales, Aberystwyth, a leading expert on Needham's work and the publisher of a selection of his writings. He compares him to Erasmus in terms of breadth of distinction.

Others are reluctant to go quite so far, emphasising the difficulty in finding comparisons for such a distinctive career. Sir Michael Atiyah, president of the Royal Society and master of Trinity College, Cambridge, said: "He is a very singular character. There are

> entists around, but he is quite unique in having first established his reputation as a great scientist and then moved on to a completely different field. It's a fantastic ach-ievement." Although his birth-

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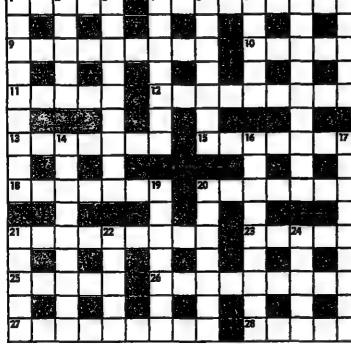
Chaozhu, the Chinese ambassador, who will present him with a medal and install him as a friendship ambassador to China, "I look on him not only as a great scholar and a man who has done much to promote mutual understanding with the outside world, but also as a family friend," he said.

British honours have here

conspicuous by their absence, however. A lifelong socialist and defender of successive Chinese regimes until last year's massacre in Tiananmen Square, he has never courted popularity. His admirers hope that the arrival of a Caius man, in the shape of Kenneth Clarke, at the education department might rectify this omission.

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18.472



ACROSS

- 1 It's rough without a mount (5). 4 Vicar's upset about temptress,
- and conversely (4.5). 9 Where Cain went to sleep (4.2.3).
- 10 Place to find the brave finally put to the sword (5).

 11 .7 turn round (5).
- 12 Space left in the pantry (5-4). 13 A salesman satisfied about paint
- 15 Fool gets under skin of learned man - there's the rub (7).
- 18 Stood up to the enemy's gambits, to get a prize (7).
- 20 Claim of cover-up in papers (7).
- 21 in French, a Kru? (9). 23 Story about English leader to
- inspire with pride (5). 25 Foreign letter is rejected by fash-
- ion mag (5). 26 To make a recovery, hit down the leg side (4.5).
- 27 Loss not merited losing love is a disadvantage (9).
- 28 Out of sorts, like the best players? (5),

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- be no leaks (4,5). 2 Some veteran generals go
- wandering (5). 3 Softening me up, till one reforms
- 4 Butterfly in Walpole's book (7).
- 5 Sort of yellow bounder 1 introduced to mother (7).
- 6 Cardinal against it entirely? Not quite (5). Scoundrel concerned with prov-ing a will (9).
- 8 A broadcast at three o'clock (5). 14 Given the wrong information, shows dimness over anything
- 16 SS Palermo sunk by order of the military (5.4).
- 17 Doctor turns up during meal, interrupting simple feast (6.3).
 19 Legal argument curtailed after
- 20 Cake and a little fish? (7). 21 Established when retired (5).
- 22 According to hearsay, it makes the engine turn brown (5). 24 Entertain a daughter

Mnemosyne (5).

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Southeast England will be cloudy for most of the day WEATHER with periods of sleet or snow. The rest of Britain and Northern Ireland will have snow showers with a little brightness at times. The snow will be heaviest in the East and North and will settle and drift in many places. Temperatures will be a northerly wind. Outlook: Very cold with snow showers.

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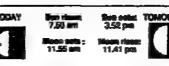
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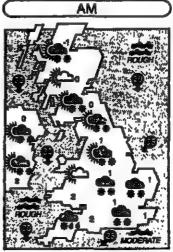
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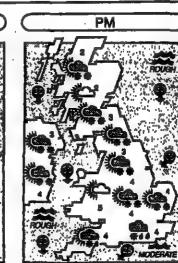
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SPORT

SUMMARY Fighting back



ALMOST a year has passed since Mike Tyson (above) lost the undisputed heavyweight championship of the world to James "Buster" Douglas in Tokyo but the memory of that defeat still haunts a boxer who, until then, had seemed invincible.

Tonight in Atlantic City, Tyson takes another step along the road to recovering the title when he meets Alex Stewart, who was born in London but is based in the United States. Full preview Page 28

RUGBY UNION

Ill fortune

LONDON'S hopes of winning rugby union's divisional championship for a third successive year were improved when today's opponents, the Midlands, lost two players to illness and injury. The two unbeaten teams meet at the Stoop Memorial ground while North take on the South and South-West Page 29

SKIING Downhill start



THE men's downhill World Cup season begins in Val d'Isère today with a host of void left by Pirmin Zurbriggen's retirement. Meanwhile, in the French resort of Tignes, Jilly Curry (above), of Britain, was lying third in a women's freestyle event. Reports Page 26

FOOTBALL

Rising force

THE rise of Leeds United has more than a little to do with one player, Gordon Strachan. On the day Strachan's new club meets his old, Manchester United, Clive White considers the continuing influence of an evergreen

GOLF

Cutting it fine

THE two leading players in the world, Greg Norman and Nick Faldo, narrowly avoided missing the cut after the second round of the Australian Classic tournament in Melbourne yesterday. After a round of 73, Norman is seven shots behind the leader, Greg Turner, of New Zealand, with Faldo a further two shots

YACHTING

Conner's view



DENNIS Conner (above), the American skipper, is preparing for the next America's Cup in San Diego next March but he does not expect the British to be among his closest Page 29

RACING

Ticket to ride

TODAY The Times offers readers the chance to win luxury trips to visit to two of the most enjoyable days of the racing calendar - the Rank Holiday Festival at Kempton Park on December 26 and 27. Competition Page 30

England win has limited appeal

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ANY success, it is said, provides comfort and confidence for a team in the toils. But only by a very liberal interpretation of the theory could England gain any satisfaction from yesterday's undignified scramble to beat New Zealand in the World Series Cup.

This was a one-day game so utterly devoid of distinguished batting that the 8,000 crowd filed away from the WACA ground in a bemused silence, doubtless wondering what had possessed them to squander their Friday evening on such third-rate entertainment.

England will correctly point to their notably improved bowling and fielding which created the winning position in this, their second World Series game. But, faced with the equivalent of an open goal, England then hit both posts and the crossbar before bundling the ball apologetically

The margin was four wickets, with 6.1 overs to spare, but this tells nothing of the tormented fumblings of a team which had forgotten how to win, narrowly avoiding complete embarrassment against a team which does not even expect to win.

New Zealand, post-Hadlee, are a sadly inadequate side. England are a side playing sadly inadequate cricket. The distinction is a fine one and would probably have been lost on the neutrals in the crowd as they saw England, batting under the superb Perth floodlights, evidently doing their best to upstage the shortcomings of their mildly astonished opponents.

There were some extenuating circumstances. The pitch was not ideal, offering an irregular bounce through which two New Zealanders, Jones and Ian Smith, sustained finger injuries. The white balls, kept new by the policy of using one at each end, swung appreciably throughout the game. There was also some demanding bowling. None of this, however, can fully excuse such hapless batting by two international

New Zealand, from a promising 94 for two, lost their next six wickets for 34 runs in 15 overs. England, a target of 159 apparently a formality as they reached 72 without loss, then declined to a perilous 129 for six before the ifeboat was steered home by a highly responsible innings from Alec Stewart and a grimly deter-mined one from Gladstone Small.

Stewart was named man of the match for his unbeaten 29. A more honest appraisal of this game would have had the award cancelled through a lack of serious

What this game did instruct was that England, even this des-perately ordinary England, will surely find their way into the finals of the competition. New Zealand's accomplished batsmen are failing them and they rely unhealthily on two bowlers, Morrison and Wat-son, both of whom performed outstandingly yesterday. They sur-prised themselves by beating Eng-iand once, and although limitedovers cricket will inevitably throw up the occasional anomaly, it would be cause for a stewards' enquiry if they managed to finish above England after the qualifying

On the evidence to date, indeed, Australia's name can be engraved SCOREBOARD FROM PERTH

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BOWLING: Pringle 10-1-45-2 3w (4-0-25-0), (2-0-11-0), (4-1-9-2), Petrie 10-0-39-0 3w (4-0-10-0), (3-0-10-0), (3-0-13-0); Morrison 10-1-27-2 1nb 3w (6-1-21-1), (4-0-8-1); Watson 10-1-25-2 1nb 1w (one spell); Harris 3.5-0-12-0 (1-0-3-0), (2.5-0-10-0).

on the trophy even now. England confront them for the first time tomorrow, and if Allan Border was watching last night's contest it is doubtful whether his sleep will be disturbed by the prospect.

trees T Prue and R Evans.

It was not an exclusively doorny night for the touring team. Having made one curious selectorial decision by dropping Atherton, they made a more logical one by omitting Malcolm. Bicknell and Tufnell, therefore, made their international debuts toether, and both can be proud of their initial efforts.

Bicknell, swinging the new ball consistently, began with the important wicket of Wright, caught at slip off the outswinger, and later added Smith, who batted on in obvious agony after having his right index finger broken by Lewis. He did not keep wicket and may take no further part in the

Tufnell, summoned at a critical point with Crowe and Greatbatch going along easily, bowled his ten overs straight through and kept his nerve enough to bowl genuinely slowly, his flight a delightful contrast to the drearily flat offerings of Hemmings, which thankfully may now be a thing of the

Lewis was both quick and skilful, Fraser and Small like welloiled machines. England looked sharp in the field, with Russell taking two agile catches, and for a change they were well inside the deadline for completing the 50

The policy of opening with two

World Series Cup

shot-makers was justified by the scoreboard, if not the evidence of the eyes. Larkins and John Morris both gave the bowlers every chance and, although Larkins's 44 included nine fours, it also included at least as many escapes as he flirted outside off stump.

If Crowe, with so few runs to defend, had opened up with his two best bowlers, England might have been sunk. Instead, by the time Morrison began the erosion, England were halfway home.

Robin Smith failed again, a stiff defensive shot against a ball which lifted extending his worrying trough. In four international innings on tour he aggregates 16 runs. Of all England's individual problems none is more damaging for with Gooch absent and Lamb wearing a scarf to protect his stiff neck, never at his best, much depended on Smith here, and will continue to do so.

Even Small's winning boundary was not exactly a cue for cham-pagne scenes on the England balcony. England's second win in 13 one-day internationals was a

memory in all but result, for they must know that if they can do no better than this, they will not compete with Australia.

● Alec Stewart has been made Surrey vice-captain under Ian Greig for next season, the first appointment for the post in the club's history.

 County club groundsmen are to receive new guidelines for pitches next summer after a policy change by the Test and County Cricket Board. Current guidelines suggest that strips should be white or straw-coloured, but the TCCB has agreed to a suggestion from Derbyshire and Essex that the colour of the wicket does not matter providing it is firm and

Pakistan collanse, page 26

impossible feat of hating Gary Lineker). Cruyff, recently sent off

in the the Super Cup game in Tokyo (no, he wasn't playing, just

making a lot of noise on the touchline), has a wonderful opportunity for the coming season. A group of Dutch business.

men is putting up a reported £12

million to form a new Amsterdam

club with Cruyff in charge. There

would even be a new stadium for

the project. The name of the club:

Household names

receive a bottle of tawny nectar -

Not this time: Russell and Lamb appeal in vain for a leg-before decision against Jones game best banished from the

Borg asks for a wild-card into the Italian Open By Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent

BJORN Borg, five times the Wimbledon champion, has re-affirmed his intention to return to fulltime tennis. Yesterday, IMG,

which represents Borg, said that the Swede had applied for a wild card into the Italian Open in Rome in May. But, as revealed in The Times two months ago, Borg's comeback after nearly nine years out of the game could begin in Monte Carlo in April and include a return to the French Open, which he won six times.

A spokesman for IMG, who, coincidentally, helped to organise the Italian Open, added that Borg would only take up one of the five wild cards on offer from the organisers if he felt he was ready to compete at the highest level at the

In an interview with The Times in London recently, Borg said that mentally he felt he wanted to compete, but that physically he

was not so sure Still using his old wooden racket, he acknowledged that the game had become quicker and more powerful since he last played.
"You have to want to win

tournaments and want to be No. ! and want to play When I left the game that was not the case. Now I want to play again in my mind. But, for sure, the game has moved on, which is why it is so important for me to make sure I am match By the rules of the tour, Borg

can apply for only six wild cards during the season. So he would have to build up enough computer points in those tournaments to qualify automatically for the main draw or play his way through qualifying. But he could not have chosen three more competitive or more glamorous places to test himself than Monte Carlo, Rome and Paris, where he won 11 of his 65 career titles.

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What is Chinese for chinaman? of his contract with Barcelona (at which club he achieved the near-

ow much longer can Eng-land hold on to their lofty SIMON BARNES position in world cricket? Last week I wrote of giant leaps in Japanese cricket: now I hear of a billion more potential cricketers to threaten England's future: China. Xianodong Wang, a stu-dent of the Peking Institute of

Physical Education, is in Australia studying cricket. He is receiving great support from the New South Wales Cricket Association and also from Waverley District Club, for which Geoff Boycott and Tony Greig have played. He is not only learning the game, he is also translating the laws into Chinese. Cricket becomes Ban-ko, a batsman is a kopangren and a bowler a toakosoa. I have no tranlations for Chinese cut or for chinaman.

Wang is aged 21 and a good hockey player. He plays cricket in Peking on the embassy circuit, turning out for the Aussies. He is a medium-pace bowler and a "capable" middle-order bat (aren't we all?) He had a fivewicket haul on one occasion and no doubt was required to buy the traditional jug of Tsing-tao beer. His ambition is to add cricket to

the carriculum of the Peking Institute of Physical Education. Enter gridironski

tarting cricket in China is agreeably eccentric. Starting American football in Lithuania is certifiably insane. Never mind: when in doubt, go for it, and Enrico Kesayev has gone for in He has founded the Children's Club of American Football and his dream is to see the gridiron game established in the Baltic States. Total equipment: six balls and a book of rules.

He writes: "I came to that

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region with the aim to organize that club so that American football might take root ... At the time I did not know the rules of the game nor anything about this kind of sports, except that its birthplace was in America."

Not altogether surprisingly, Kesayev received little support from sporting organisations in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. But as you will gather, he is not a man to let a thing like that stop him. He has a team of teenaged lads and a head full of ambition. No money or team uniforms but plenty of hopes. If any one wishes to help him in any way, get in touch through me.

Below the belt

The publisher of America's Boxing Illustrated magazine, Bert Sugar, has offered the United States Army 100,000 back copies of his magazine, the aim being to cheer up the boys in the desert. The army has put this kind offer on hold because the Saudis consider the magazine pornographic. Apparently the sight of men naked but for boxing shorts could inflame the most dangerous passions. It is possible that arrangements could be made to import the mag, so long as it could be guaranteed not to fall into Saudi hands. I have heard many sound arguments against boxing ... but porno-graphic? My God, what would the Saudis make of synchronised swimming?

The state of the s

Poor relations

dounty cricket players should not read this story. The average wage for players in major league baseball was \$597,537 this season. In the previous season, the average was a mere \$497,254. The 20 per cent jump was the biggest single season rise since 1982. The poorest-paid team was Baltimore Orioles (average \$279,326); there was only one other team with an average below \$400,000. The highest-paid team was Oakland A's with \$804,643. Cincinnati Reds, who beat them 4-0 in the World Series, were below midtable with a mere \$557,056. Moral: money doesn't buy success but it's not exactly a handicap, criher.

Band played on

he best-loved men in Italy are not the carabinieri. Proof, if such were needed, of the low esteem held by these paramilitary policemen was provided by the marching of the carabinieri band at last weekend's Rome derby between Lazio and Roma. The band of 76 good carabinieri and true made a grand circuit of the track, playing the army anthem of La Fedelissima, or "the most faithful". At one end of the ground, the Roma fans bombarded them with bottles and coins. At the other end, the Lazio fans did the same. After the circuit was completed, 38 of the bandsmen needed treatment. • Megalomania is nothing new to football but in this area Johann

Cruyff has always been a front-runner. He is in the the last season

🖰 eam Nightmare moves into its second big week with a truly horrific team contributed by B. Seshadri, who will

Johann Cruyff.

Cálem Colheitas 1957 - for his pains. He picks not a team but a 16-man cricket squad from south India. They line up as follows: Raghupathiraghavan Ganapathisubramanian Parvathiparameswaran Kamalinikalahamsan Venkataramanujulu Gopalakrishnamurthy Lakshminarayanan Singaravadivelu

Pranatharthibaran Venkatasubramanian Ramchandramurthy Rathnasabapathy Meenakshisundaram Balachandramurthy Ananthasubramanian Muthukumaraswamy.

Usual spelling, copy-taker. This is clearly a team that will carry ail before them. I have more bottles of port for further suggestions, selected on any grounds you care to choose, for Team

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University match at Twickenham on Tuesday knowing that they are underdogs, yet with an undercurrent of pride that they are upholding one important principle of selection. It has to be asked, however, whether the stance is worth it in the light of the expedient abandoning of other principles.

I doubt if Bowring, the sponsor. is much bothered either way. The televised match is a sell-out, and commands the attention of much of the rugby world. Neither are Oxford senior tutors too bothered - apart from those with a direct interest such as Dr Alan Tayler, Oxford's president - because they are predominantly uncaring or simply ignorant of the event's

Much of the sporting commu-nity, inside and outside Oxford,

xford go into the annual against interference within the club by a handful of Australians and an American. Yet the match, far from being a contest between ambitious undergraduates, in spite of the counter-revolution, is still a kind of exhibition between visiting postgraduates and foreigners. As the Rugby Football Union (RFU) repeatedly complains, the match has no more bearing on the development of English, or university, rugby than

a Barbarians fixture; however competitively it may be played. This year, there are some two dozen postgraduates among the 30 players, and enough foreigners for Mark Egan, Oxford's captain from Dublin, appropriately to label his team "cosmopolitan". It is not known whether his thirdyear postgraduate cleric, Stileman, at lock, who played for Cambridge in 1985, has religious conviction that his place would



COMMENT

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not more deservedly go to an undergraduate. The issue at stake is simple: for whose benefit is the match played? There is only one fact on which we can be certain. It is not played for the benefit of those for whom it was originally intended, undergraduates in their first four years of residence.

This year's particular Oxford controversy is an echo of that in the Boat Race three years ago, when a similar mutiny by Americans was overthrown and Oxford staged a memorable victory among the survivors. Egan will be hoping for similar fortune on Tuesday. However, the over-age factor repetitively arises in rowing and rugby and

will always be contentious. Dr Tayler points out that 30 per cent of Oxford University students are now postgraduate, and that this figure will grow. "It's an international university," he says. "Why don't we restrict it to British students, the RFU may ask. Well, what we are doing is developing the under-21 side." That is only part consolation

fixture is played at the Harlequins ground the same morning. The universities are pressing Twickenham to accept the curtainraiser on their pitch, but have agreed not to push for this until after the World Cup next year.

Dr Tayler denies that potential Oxford undergraduate students are likely to be diverted, by the presence of postgraduates, to other universities such as Durham or Loughborough. The under-21 teams, he suggests, are a stepping stone to international rugby just as much as the senior match has always been.

But what of the move by the Oxford committee and by Egan, the new captain in the spring, to prevent the team being pro-fessionalised by foreigners? Some would claim that it already was, by the mere fact of their importation; and that one degree more

However, the committee wanted to prevent the club being taken over by any particular captain, foreign or otherwise, especially one introducing outside professional coaching, as did Brian Smith, the Australian stand-off half and last year's captain. It was beside the point that he lost.

Imported foreign players, and especially Americans, tend not to understand the ethics of Oxbridge sport. They arrive as mature adults, and see the situation as nothing more than a sporting exercise that they can sort out in a month. In rowing, and now rugby, some Americans at Oxford have discovered that this is not

Egan has proved himself an able and popular captain. He dropped the aggrieved Smith -

professional was neither here nor for arriving late for training allegedly because of a tutorial and he led his side on a highly successful tour of Japan.

> n spite of a continuing problem at stand-off half in Smith's absence, sufficient confidence has been maintained this autumn for Oxford to consider that they will give the opposition a run for their money on Tuesday.

> The rise in professional anitudes is regretted by Dr Tayler, a former Brasenose half back who played for the Greyhounds, - the Oxford second XV - but he thinks the trend is inevitable if Oxbridge rugby is to stay in touch with the first-class game. "You've got to be committed in strategy and detail," he says. "I'm not sure I like it even at international level, but the tendency is not going to go away."

Bishop and Ambrose cause havoc as Pakistan are trapped on a bad pitch of their own making

West Indies are poised to win series

THE third Test match between Pakistan and West Indies, and the series with it, was virtually decided here yesterday in an atmosphere of profound anticlimax. In reply to West Indies' first-inning total of 294, Pakistan made 93 for six, a position from which there is no realistic chance of

their recovering. To some extent Pakistan are being hoist with their own petard. Told to provide a pitch which would take spin and guarantee a result, the groundsman simply went too far. By the time Pakistan came to go in yesterday morning it was already breaking up. With a couple of dubious umpiring decisions accounting for two of their first five batsmen, they were 56 for five before Haynes had even to make a change of

Rather than being hamstrung by the conditions, the West Indies fast bowlers produced an increasing number of unplayable balls, the last of which, just as bad light was about to stop play, disposed of Imran, caught off a glove, when he and Wasim Akram had added a bravely determined 45 and been together for 15 overs.

With Pakistan needing only two more runs to avoid the follow-on, they will have a chance to get a little of their own back when West Indies bat again today, though I do not see them bowling as ffectively as Bishop and Ambrose did yesterday.

For fear of even having to make 70 or 80 in the fourth innings, Haynes was not, in fact, intending to put Pakistan back in. On Thursday the pitch had played fairly well. By last night it had become

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judge from the way the West Indies too, it would be hard to Indians were examining it. The ball off which Imran was caught at short leg reared almost vertically, reviving memories of Brisbane in the days of its sticky dogs.

The start had again been delayed, this time for 45 minutes, while the sun burnt off another heavy dew. Being Friday, the week's holiest day, the lunch interval was then extended to 90 minutes, to allow for prayers, and when the twilight brought the day to a close only 45 overs had been bowled. When one-day internationals fall on Fridays the need for urgency influences even the mullahs, who allow on those occasions only the usual 40 minutes for lunch. Test cricket, it seems, is too serious a business for such

By lunchtime yesterday not even 90 minutes of the most intensive supplication could, I think, have held up the West Indians for long. Already Shoaib and Ammer Malik bad been bowled by Bishop. Shoaib, by a real beauty that moved from leg to off and Ammer by one that went the other way. Being on the back foot and with the ball well up to him, Shoaib had no chance; Aamer, though forward, left just enough daylight between bat and pad for the ball to squeeze through. It was spien-

- it might have touched 7,000 at one stage - were made to suffer a painful afternoon. Pakistan might have known that it was not to be their day on hearing that Rameez Raja had had his car written off by a bus on his way to the ground. and been badly enough shaken himself not to be sent in first. As if that was not enough, after he had gone in at the fall of the second wicket and batted stoutly for 50 minutes, he was dismayed to be given out, caught at short leg also off

an Ambrose lifter. In five Test innings, batting at No. 3, the 19-year-old Zahid Fazal has only once got to the wicket later than the second over, and never with more than 15 runs on the board. A much rougher bap-

something of a curiosity, to tism than that, against West magine. Even so, he again looked remarkably mature until he, too, seemed unlucky to be given out. Zahid took the decision as being for legbefore; but a catch at short leg was the umpire's verdict. It was a yorker, off which it is barely possible to be caught without the ball having first

been hit into the ground Brilliantly though he had played in the first two Tests, this was not Salim Malik's scene. After one lovely cover drive, he edged Bishop to third slip. Between lunch and tea three wickets fell for 40 runs in 25 overs. Whereas at Karachi, when the series started, the West Indian fast bowlers seldom had more than one slip, now they had three slips, a gully, a short leg, and a silly point

But Imran held them off for hour and threequarters, and Wasim Akram, although he could have been out a dozen times, has been in for nearly as long. If, as seems the case, the toss decided the match, it is better that West Indies, as the visiting side. should have won it. Pakistan are more capable than most of winning Test matches on merit rather than trying to get their pitches to do it for them.

WEST MORE: First bridge C G Greenidge low b Imran ... "D L Haynes c Moin b Imran .. R B Richardson low b Akram ... A L Logie low Poulma
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-24, 3-87, 4-132, 5-185, 6-185, 7-247, 8-249, 9-276 BOWLING: Invan Khan 6-0-22-2, Washin Autum 244-61-4; Waqar Young 17-0-57-135-3-58-2

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PAKISTAR: First Innings
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Two southern counties abstained in Durham vote

FOLLOWING Durham's success in winning first-class status, their first priority will be to find ways to try to expedite the planning approval they need for their headquarters ground at Chester-le-Street. North-eastern MPs from all parties are to be asked to lobby Michael Heseltine, the secretary of state for the environment, to see if he can

help.
Though Durham's election
Though The Test and was unopposed at the Test and County Cricket Board meeting, it has emerged that two southern counties abstained from voting. Neither argued against Durham but it is understood that one was concerned whether Durham had

Durham the last entrants to the championship for a long time. No other minor county has

Durham admit that, initially, success, just as Glamorgan did in 1921. They are more san-guine, though, on the fiscal front. Now that first-class expect their foundation fund, which has already reached £1 million in guarantees, to receive fresh impetus from sponsors With more than £500,000 needed annually to run a first-class side, financial shortcomings seem likely to make Durham the last entrants to the

to do so but found it was impractical for monetary rea-sons. It did not help, that unlike Durham, they are close geo-graphically to existing first-class teams. This also applies to Cheshire and Hertfordshire, two

other strong minor county Ireland and Scotland, who play in English one-day events, might be thought to be can-didates to seek first-class status but they, too, could not afford it. Instead both are finalising plans to apply for associate membership of the International Cricket Council in order to compete in the four-yearly ICC trophy

those people ... they knew Klammer, they knew Zurbriggen."
Vine and the BBC crew were in Val d'Isère on Tuesday and

spent the next two days talking with the stars, "We may use only 40 seconds, but it is necessary. While it is rather important that we get the racing right, Ski Sunday is more than that "Vincestables".

that, "Vine says, "You can buy a pound of sugar from Tesco or you can buy a pound of sugar from Harrods. The difference is in the presentation and the

sufficient playing strength and the other had financial reservations.

plans to seek promotion.

Shropshire and Staffordshire muda, Denmark, Fiji and Zimbabac.

Durham's election overshadowed several other de-cisions at the TCCB meeting. The guideline on pitch preparation has been revised to acknowledge that a green pitch need not necessarily mean it is unsuitable. Groundsmen no longer have to aim at providing a pitch that is "white or straw coloured". Instead the pitch must be "dry, firm and true, providing pace and even bounce" and help spinners later.

The board also decided that next summer television com-panies may install miniature that cameras in the stumps - like uni

hours of the morning is a matter

those being used in Australia — but microphones remain barred in the middle during play. It was also agreed that no tie-breaker will be invoked in 1991 should the three-match Texago trophy one-day series with West Indies finish level. The trophy will be shared should the teams each win a game with the third Paul Jarvis, the Yorkshire fast

bowler, who was yesterday to have appeared before the county's cricket committee to answer questions about statements in the media following Yorkshire's decision not to sign an overseas player has had the meeting postponed until next Tuesday so that he can be legally represen-

Modest Kitt joins initial assault on Zurbriggen's title

SKIING

THE king is dead, or rather has tion, given Italian speciators' abdicated, and the princes and royal cousins crowd in for the throne. Now the incomparable Zurbriggen, has retired, practice World Cup season has seen interesting new men hustling into view, together with skiers no longer young, but also no longer overshadowed by a

In the first two days of practice, Denny Rey, a young Frenchman, then a Norwegian of no great past merit, Lasse Arnessen, came down the fam-ous OK course with times to cause sharp intakes of frosty breath. By the end of all practice not concelt. That is how you have to think if you are serious yesterday, five more compar-ative unknowns were interabout winning. Hundredths of a second decide places. Skiing now is such a mind game." spersed with former winners like Danny Mahrer and Peter Wirnsberger in the ten-fastest The minds of Britain's trie will be mightily confused. On day one, Martin and Graham Bell skied well and timed badly.

Swiss, was best, and Jan Thorsen, yet another Norwegian, has appeared, but perhaps the most interesting was A. J. Kitt, seed 22, from New York, if only for the fact that nothing will induce an otherwise most friendly sportsman to reveal the names those initials conceal. Observations that perhaps his mother wanted a girl and called him Alice can be dismissed: both parents are ski instructors, and A. J. was marked for this macho life from birth, having een given his first skis at two. His ski-circus nickname oust suffice. It is "Alpine Jet", and

was earned in the two last mores of last season when a fourth and official rankings from seventieth

place to eighth.

Of yesterday's third-fastest time he said: "It could have been better. I made a mistake in the compression." Of his sudden rise: "I have been on the circuit fours years. Learning. Picking up bits and pleces from the best guys. Some of it is now coming together for me." Of his coming together for me." Of his chance of taking Zurbriggen's place: "No way. No one will, Like Stenmark, some guys are irreplaceable. I don't have that sort of aim. Right now I will be happy to be third still at the end

The only rise to match that of Kitt in recent times was that of Kristian Ghedina, the Italian, aged 21, who gained a second and two firsts in the last three World Cups of last season: the first victory coming in his home town, Cortina. He, too, is a son of instructors, a difference being that his mother was killed in a ski accident when he was 15, and Kristian admitted to great searching of his inner depths

Their coach, Hans Anewanter, said: "I am baffled. We are five seconds down, yet looking at the videos I can't see why. Maybe it's the skis." New skis were sent for, but they were not race-readied by day two, when the brothers skied smartly to within 2.5 seconds of the best. Yet for the final run they had the new skis, and came off cursing with worse times. Ronald Duncan, skiing wracked with a cold, did best of the trio, but agreed that 75mph across ice is no trick for a man with shivery knees. The happiest mind belonged to Brian Stemmle. In January 1989 the Canadian caught a ski-

win, they say that if all the tears

world would have gained an instant new glacier. Yesterday, standing as shyly as it is possible

to be in a suit of lilac patterned

like a chess board, he was

content to murmur that he was

confident with his fifth-placed form after poor times at the start

Rob Boyd, a Canadian with

record, expressed contentment

answered the question about the

with: "What about me? That's

Kitzbuhel: medical men who reached him said graphically that his injuries could only be likened to what happens to a turkey wishbone at Christmas. He was thought unlikely to live. Even after modern surgery had worked its muracle. Canadian team authorities offered to pay him on his medical insurance the three months it took him #learning to walk did not argue never completly out of mind. When you start out again, learning to do everyday things for yourself, it is going to leave

But only 20 yesterday skied faster than Stemmle in his World Cup comeback. So his, "I have hardly looked at the finishing order. Just skiing well, just getting down, no, just being here does it all for me," had the ring of heartfelt truth.

LEADING MIACTICE TIMES: 1. B Faire hat his mother was killed in a ki accident when he was 15, and Kristian admitted to great earching of his inner depths affore deciding to continue.

Given that underlying emo-

Curry challenge fading JILLY Curry, of Britain, is

likely to relinquish her title in the World Cup freestyle skiing combined championship in combined championship in Tigges today (a Special Correspondent writes).

Curry, aged 27, from Surrey, lies in bronze medal position after two of the three events the mogul for bump skiing and the acrobatic ski-jumping. In first place overall is Conny Kissling, of Switzerland.
Kissling is strong in the moguls
and ballet, but always poor in
the jumping. She completed
only one very basic attempt at a score of the day.
Julia Snell, of Britain, criticised the Swiss tactics. "You don't deserve to win a combined championship if you can only manage one jump," she said. Curry showed poor form in the air and struggled to land the first of her jumps cleanly. She will now have to perform at her optimum in today's ballet competition to stay in the medals.

Snell, from Southampton. is hoping to repeat her silver medal success of last year.

Vine values wrapping as much as contents

By Ken Lawrence

THERE is nothing that warms the heart of a sports follower more than a good fighting comeback, and these are suddenly sprouting all over our television screens to set the nerve ends tingling. In boxing, Mike Tyson is making a comeback; so, too, is

the British heavyweight champion, Gary Mason. Just when snooker seemed to have become turn-off, up came Stephen Hendry and Steve Davis with that riveting UK championship final that really puts a little ginger into the World Match-play that opens this weekend and should, if ITV strikes it lucky, culminate in another Hendry-Davis showdown in a

week's time. Fresh from presenting us with that Hendry-Davis classic ("The greatest we have ever seen." he says). David Vine also returns with that old favourite. Ski Sunday. This BBC show faces considerably more competition than when it first took to the giving a vast amount of screen

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bold enough to claim now: "We do it better than them." While the traditional opening men's downhill of the season, from Val d'Isère, will be a tasty morsel in Grandstand today (from 12.15pm) and is wrapped up in Ski Sunday (BBC2, 6pm), there is an absolute avalanche of it on Eurosport, which continues from 9am this morning (11am tomorrow I until 6pm. Vine is not perturbed. It is all

but in the first five minutes or so

At the BBC they call Vine the "man of the three Sa ... snooker, skring and show jump-ing. He has no favourite. "I enjoy them all. They are aestherically acceptable. I re-member an old lady once telling snooker, skiing and show ju very acid he argues, simply to show aronymous people going me why she fixed them. She said down a mountainside, but Mil that the contestants were being Sunda, works for viewers in Birmingham on a wet and cidn't want them spitting in her dismail day. How? "We get the front room. While the needle blue skies sometimes and the was there, competitors in all danger of people going down the those three sports all conducted

of some conjecture. My suspicion is that he may just be back to the sort of form that once made him invincible, and that the London-born Alex Stewart may feel that Tyson has been acting a little improperly.
Tyson's latest comeback contest
is, like the one with James
"Buster" Douglas in February when he lost his world heavyweight crown, exclusive to sat-eline. Sky Movies has the rights to show the fight here and will screen it from 1.30am, opening up with a look at the Douglas Tyson and Douglas-Holyheld encounters. The big fight is due

Mason's comeback at the Albert Hall will get a wider audience — BBC's Sportsnight (Wednesday, 10pm). His opponent. James Pritchard, is hardly in the Tyson league, and there may be better action from FA and Ucfa Cup ties, or the much vaunted and much emucised Grand Slam Tennis Cup. As for the revitalised snooker scene. ITV cashes in on the World Whether Tyson will conduct Matchplay. It opens up on LWT A SIPIRTY dist that one come come and the me management that the same start

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: If the Regal Trophy rugby league match between Widnes and Leeds today is half as good as last week's, stand by for a treat, it is just part of BBC's *Grandstand* (BBC1, from 12.15pm), which includes basketball, Chettenham races and skiing from France.

TOMORROW: It could be a bed morning for the English: Mike Tyson fights Alex Stewart, once of Snepherds Bush, at around 4am on Sky Moves, and on Sky One at 8am, Australia and England meet in the ever more tedious round of one-day cricket matches. Screensport also has some rampant Aussies — the rugby league team which plays France (2pm) — plus live got from the United States (6pm).

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MEDNEAY: If snocker from Brentwood does not appeal on ITV at 2.20pm, then learn how to lick the lude at Subutate by watching the German Open chempionship (Screensport, 3pm). Australia's cricketers meet New Zealand again in Methourne on Sky One from 3.30am,

TUESDAY: The BBC has covered the University rugby union match away year since 1948, through the lean years as well as the good ones. A sell-out crowd at Twickenham will again ensure a wonderful strictsphere as Oxford seek victory over the tavourites (BBC1, 1.50pm).

WEDNESDAY: Stave Rider presents a Spontanight Including Gary Mason's comeback (BBC1, 10pm), while Screensport has live booking from Bassidon. ITV competes with snocker from just down the road at Brentwood (2.20pm and 10 45pm), while Eurosport shows the US Seniors Open golf (2pm), THURSDAY: The cricket may be the same, but the backcloth is different.

and 10 45pm), while Eurosport shows the US Sensors Open golf (2pm). THURSDAY: The cricket may be the same, but the backcloth is different. England play New Zealand, in Sydney this time (Sky One, from 3.30am). David Vine, back from the snow slopes, is at Olympia for one of sport's real fun events, the Christmas snow jumping snow (BBC1, 11pm). FRIDAY: with David Vine now heading for itsiy and the weekend's World Cup suling, Helen Robason presents the show jumping in Sport on Endey (BBC1, 2pm): Dan Maskell commentates on the Grand Stam Tennis Cup, where the winner cosects £1 million. Snow jumping highlights are on BBC1 at 11.20pm, and the tennis highlights are on BBC2 at 11.50pm. The World Sories cricket continues — England against New Zealand at Brisbane (Sky One, 11pm).

REAL TENNIS

Snow settles semi-final in fourth set

THE world's leading amateur. Julian Snow, reached his first George Wimpey British Open final yesterday when he upset the former world champion. Chris Ronaldson, seeded serond, in an enthralling four-setter at Queen's Club, London (Sally Jones writes).

Snow, retrieving brilliantly won nine games in a row to lead by a set and 4-0, only for Ronaldson to step up the pace and take the next nine.

Snow, cutting the ball severely, on the floor, then began to expose Ronaldson's slight sluggishness, finding the tam-bour and forcing his opponent losing four match points, Snow finally clinched his first major, victory over Ronaldson with noky : untouchably, straight down the

wall beside the grille.

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What makes Strachan run and run

said, was not so much "How does he keep on doing it?" as "Why shouldn't he keep on doing it?"

Presumably. Gordon Strachan's longevity was taken for granted the day he joined Leeds United and agreed to try to help revive the fortunes of a club on which the rigours of life had taken their toll.

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I'm sure Gordon would acknowledge the fact that with the benefit of all the information we've got these days", the Leeds manager said, "it shouldn't be a surprise that footballers of his age [Strachan is 34 in February] are still performing. But it is. Physiologically, there aren't that many reasons why 30 should be for whom the bell tolls." Wilkinson sees no reason why Strachan should not go on playing at the highest level until he is 38.

Somehow one doubts whether such words of encouragment for one of football's evergreens got much of an airing in the transfer discussions of 20 months ago when Wilkinson agreed to take Strachan off Alex Ferguson's hands for £300,000. The Manchester United manager has since felt the odd pang of remorse over that decision. It is nothing like as acute as the pain he will suffer today should Strachan, the inspirational force of Leeds, orchestrate a victory on his first return to Old

To be fair to Ferguson, he and Strachan had probably gone as far as they could as manager and player

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two clubs, they have collected a stack of silverware, including the Cup Winners' Cup, which they won while at Aberdeen, but perhaps the ability to motivate each other had worn thin, Leeds provide Strachan with a new challenge: to make them great again.

The captaincy has provided Strachan with another incentive. He had lived for too long in the shadow of Bryan Robson. Wilkinson compared it to a marriage in which one partner was excessively dominant; Strachan needed to get out and be his own man again if his career was to have its Indian summer. He believed that the responsibility of captaincy had added 10 to 15 per cent to his same

But none of this would have been possible without the basic requisite of good fitness. Strachan said that he had always trained hard even in his formative years at Dundee when he went "to all the wrong places at all the wrong times". For the last 10 years he has progressively taken greater care of his body. He knows that if he cats well, sleeps well and trains well he can go into a match with a clear conscience.

Like any self-respecting Scot, he eats his porridge every morning, aware of its carbohydrates value. He takes note, too, of what his fellow

between games he has stuck those in his porridge. "It's not a ridiculous diet." he said. "It's just being sensible, really."

Three years ago Bobby Charlton put him on to a Norwegian who specialises in acupressure - acununcture without the needles. There's a flow of energy through the body that just needs to be balanced. So if a particular muscle feels tired, he just works on it with finger pressure. I can do a bit myself before games. Mind you, I get some

weird looks." How much good all this, not forgetting the scawced tablets, has done him he cannot say for sure, but psychologically at least he knows he feels better for it and that in two years he has not missed a game. He certainly looks good on it, as brighteyed and bushy-tailed as when the wee man" with the mop of red hair first scampered down that right wing 17 years ago.

He refuses to comment on his form, which has been outstanding this season, or compare with before other than to say that he is enjoying his football as much as ever. "I've not changed my style, which is reassuring. Somebody once said that when you get to 30 you'll be able to play inside and have a couple of young boys running up and down the wing for you. I thought that sounded nice. But I zet more enjoyment coming off a park



Struchan: fresh incentives

"It's really all down to hard work and a love of the game. I keep trying to explain this to the younger boys, like Speed and Batty. It's not just Saturday's game they should be training for now, but also the one 10 years from now. They've got to do as much as they can because they'll find the benefit in later years."

As someone who wants to have no regrets about himself, it frustrates him when others do not realise their full potential. One senses that David Batty, who has been included in the England B squad to play Algeria next week, might be a case in question,

"He's a weird character. In training, he's terrible. He mucks about, Once the game starts, though, he's buzzing everywhere. He's been compared to Johnny Giles and Billy Bremper, I call him Billy Giles, He can pass, tackle and head. Once he starts scoring, he'll be even better. He's lucky enough to have all these qualities. Whether the uses them properly is up to him."

Arguably the most exciting midfield in the country is completed by Gary Speed and Gary McAllister, who by coincidence has taken over Strachan's right wing slot in the Scotland team, though Strachan believes that Scotland will be better served by playing him in the middle. As for his own international aspirations, they have been well sated by 43 caps, more than he thought he would have won as a 17year-old in two World Cups. "It would be greedy to want more," he

He flirted just once with the idea of a move abroad and a deal was almost concluded with Lens, the French club, before he went to Elland Road. "I decided that I needed a camaraderie around me. I think you need to be a special type of person to go abroad, single-minded like Archibald and Souness. I need a laugh and a joke to keep me going. I'd be scared. Soon as you get there and take your trousers off somebody might start laughing and you can't understand why.'

So the question, "Gordon, whaur's yer troosers?" must remain one of the great imponderables of

No deserting Desert Orchid

ear old Brough Scott squinted into the Channel 4 cameras. his gentleman's smile petrified into position by the icy wind. "It's December the first and here we are at Sandown races," he said. His words could not be disputed. indeed strictly speaking they need never have been uttered, but I thought that I knew why Brough was saying them. He felt the way that I did: wintry, a bit Christmassy, just in the mood to wrap up warm in a camel coat and brave a National Hunt meeting.

Most people get excited about images of summer (a jugful of Pimms, a faceful of strawberries and an earful of Henry Blofeld); naturally, I am susceptible to such evocations but I get equally excited by images of winter (ironing the clothes one is going to wear on Saturday night while listening to the classified football results). Every year, come December, I begin to entertain fantasies about real fires, muffins, glasses of port and The

Mystery of Edwin Drood. Thus, I knew that this seasonal English occasion. this National Hunt meeting, the first that I had ever attended, would give me a chance to do three things: drink warming brandy from a small hip flask which I would carry with me: look through binoculars and pretend to be able to see things: and wear a hat like the one that Nigel Havers wore in The Charmer.

The hat was the most important of these. I possessed such a hat, brown, old, rather dashing; and just as I was about to leave for Sandown - with the air of one placing bride and groom figurines on top of a wedding cake - I looked in the mirror and put it on. I stood back from the mirror, I came up close to it. I pulled the hat slightly forward. I tilted it back. I adjusted the brim. I stood back again, From all angles, Eddie Waring was the person that I most reminded myself of. It was no good. The hat would have

ing been struck, I Sandown, where the first hat that I saw was John McCririck's. From his television appearances, I had assumed that McCririck would look like a man in a Punch cartoon, circa 1880 ("Oo told 'im to place that wager?; - Ay did"); in fact. with his pink baseball cap, long hair, little glasses, fistful of rings and orange trousers, he looked more like a member of the entourage of some rock band prominent in the late 1960s - perhaps one of Frank Zappa's soundmen. He was standing around the bookmakers, being recognised, gleaning info.

blow for reality hav-

The amount of information that bookmakers can hold in their brains renders me quite bemused: I can tell you the murderer in every single Agatha Christie but that is finite and concrete knowledge. Racing knowledge is never-ending and ultimately requires that one make a subjective judgment (something which, in sport, I am too scared to do), although, of course, the subjective judgment has first to be percolated through a good many opinions. As with those who voted in the Conservative leadership ballot so with those who place bets: everyone is watching

everyone else. But people who know a lot about racing really do know

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a lot about racing. They know how far that horse likes to run: they talked to Jenny Pitman's stable lad on the phone that morning: they have read the Sporting Life every day for the last hundred years. What amazes me is that they have time for other things, like breathing. But there they were, just as I had imagined they would be.

Despite the fact that I myself did not present the aspect that I had hoped (hip flask; binoculars; hat). National Hunt was satisfyingly full of people who looked exactly like that (perhaps not the hip flask). Having previously only attended dilettante meetings like Royal Ascot, I found the knowledecable and prosaic sense of purpose invigorating. It would have been even more Desert Orchid not been running that day.

The paddock is marvellously intimate at Sandown and I was concerned about getting close enough to see this horse. Would it be like getting to the front at a Rolling Stones concert. where I arrived three hours early in order to be sure of my place? Desert Orchid's race was at 2.30; perhaps if I got to the paddock at 1.50? Yes, that was really what i did. I missed the 2.0 race, lone sentimentalist and awaited the grey horse.

At around 2.15, grown men began loping toward the paddock. They studied their racecards and Sporting Lifes and presended that they were there for a bit of a joke -We'll have a look at the old boy ... where is he, then?" As the other four horses gravely described their circles and the air of expectation thickened (just like waiting for Jagger), a man next to me began a soliloouy. "Here he is . . . he's coming. Here he comes. No. yes ... yes. That's him. He's coming. Here he is"; and there he was, with his white limbs and great black eyes, and all the people around the paddock began to cheer and

It is not really so extraordinary that Desert Orchid should have this effect upon people. He is exceptionally he appears somehow benigaly sentient of his own power; and he races in an uplifting way, running from the front and jumping like a

National Hunt is a downto-earth sport. It is afternoons that are smoky with cold; it is hardy, phlegmatic speciators; unforgivably, it is sometimes death when horses jump fences that they should not be jumping. Desert Orchid transcends all this; he is the mythical white charger with the human heart who, like a!l the best sporting personalities, makes his audience feel that he is doing what he does for thein.

Yet, unlike most British sporting personalities, he has been wholeheartedly loved for his success. He cannot be loved any more than he is already; which is why his decline is unbearable to contemplate and why men who had backed the winner of the 2.30 were silent as Desert Orchid trailed home fourth, ears still erect.

Arsenal hoping that plastic makes for a perfect turnaround

against Queen's Park Rangers remaining, Arsenal were staring at defeat and, as far as they knew, an 11-point deficit to Liverpool to boot, Arsenal recovered to win, Liverpool faitered to draw and the championship race, which had looked all but over, was suddenly a two-horse race

By the end of this afternoon, the extraordinary turnaround in fortunes, given extra they are outlawed, propulsion by Arsenal's 3-0 "The pitch make victory over Liverpool last as hard as playing against do Arsenal any favours. Steve Sunday, could be complete; if Liverpool," Graham said. It Hodge, one of the most in-Liverpool lose to Nottingham will certainly be harder than Forest at the City Ground and playing against Liverpool on available with a calf strain. Arsenal beat Luton Town at plastic. Luton beat the Kenilworth Road, the London Merseysiders, albeit a weak-

It is hardly an improbable sequence of events for a team. who two seasons ago needed to win 2-0 at Antield on the last day of the season to pip pair against Forest last week -Liverpool for the championship and did so with Dowie, playing up the middle, virtually the last kick of the Arsenal could find their fivematch. Then again, Arsenal man defence largely have never won on the Kenil- redundant. worth Road plastic, which was

JUST two weeks ago and with Liverpool have not won at the by playing a four-man defence 12 minutes of their game City Ground for five years. with O'Leary sweeping and City Ground for five years.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, must decide the confidence seemingly shat-tered by Manchester Unitedin first division. the Rumbelows Cup. Or does he go, as he know he ought, for a more positive outlook. The plastic does tend to favour the hrave and this could be Arsenal's last chance to be a winner on it. As of next season

The pitch makes the game the Guingess Soccer Six.

With Lars Elstrup indulging himself in a new wide role he took his goal tally into double figures with a quality and just one player, lain

Graham could satisfy his where they suffered their last own requirements and those league defeat in April, and of the David O'Leary fan club

Lee Dixon pushed into midfield. Either way, Elstrup bewhether to retain the five-man lieved Arsenal would find it defence which helped restore lough going, holding on to the only unbeaten record in the

"On our pitch you have to play a close-passing game, delivering the ball to feet, and I don't think that, is their style," he said. Forest will need to improve

somewhat on last week's home draw against Luton if they are, unintentionally, to fluential players, is again un-Steve McMahon, who

missed the match at Highbury club will go top on goal ened side, 40 in the final of through injury, is expected to always at its most dangerous on the rebound from defeat. Brian Clough, who has had more success against Liverpool than any other living manager, knows what to

expect.

"I have been tackling them as a player and a manager for 35 years and all I know is I am up against the same thing this time as the first time another tough game," he said,

Lorenzo refused a permit

Back on the sunny second NESTOR Lorenzo, the Ar-sturday of the new season, genuine international defender, ennis Wise, of Chelsea, was refused a work permit by the Department of Employment yesterday - minutes before he was due to board the Swindor Town team coach for their game at Ipswich today. Adrian Viveash, aged 21, steps into the side for today's match.

outsiders. This afternoon they meet again, at Stamford Bridge, with Palace exceeding expectations by standing third to Chelesia's minth Peter Day, the chief executive of Swindon, said it was very bud news for the second division club, which had boned to complete a deal with Bari, of the match of the season was a 0-0 draw at Sunderland, where Paul Italian league, to keep the ceptre back until the end of the season "The permit has been refused on the grounds that his move has been interpreted as a loan arrangement," Day said. "Our sued onto the team bus by a sizeable squad of adoring girls. Such pressures prompted Gas-

only alternative is to get back to Bari and reopen negotiations on But Swindon will find it difficult to raise the money to

buy Lorenzo • The Wirral Council has given Tranmere Rovers, of the third division, permission to convert their Prenton Park ground into an all-scat stadium

 Wolverhampton Wanderers have signed Paul Stanchiffe, the central defender, on a free transfer from Sheffield United. FA CUP

The world at his feet: Marco Van Basten holds off a Milan team-mate in training

for the match in Tokyo against Olimpia, of Paraguay, to decide the world club title

O'Neill making things buzz

Cup second round the against Peterborough on Wednesday evening last week. Within twoand a quarter bours they had made a tremendous impression

"We could have filled the on the club.

"He is such a lively character and so bubbly and offers a lot of good commonsense as well as a ground twice," John Golds-worthy, the club secretary, said. "People have been ringing and writing in and a lot have been

ase of humous. "He is one of those mana the crowd see a lot of when he is on the bench, a bit like Kenny Dalglish. He's very animated and I think they feel he's practically one of them and they

have accepted him."
O'Neill, who won 64 caps for Northern Ireland and played a leading part in Nottingham Forest's success under Brian Clough, has thrown himself wholeheartedly behind Wyc

ombe's cause. He suffered rebuils when trying to gain a job in management in the League but enjoyed two successful years Grantham, during which he upcarthed Gary Crosby, the winger sold to Nottingham Forest, before stepping up to the GM Vauxhall Conference club. O'Neill says his aim is to generate a sense of enjoyment

amongst his players. He has

the way they combine jobs outside the game with achieving high levels of performance on the field: "The difficulty is that two nights a week with a game on Saturday. My job as manager is to instil confidence into A mark of how well be had

ability. "There are four or five

players here who would do well at a League club." Equally, as a

full-time manager, he respects

done that job was an admission that the defeat by Kidder-minster, not helped by an early injury to John Granville, the goal keeper, might have been a good thing, "Certainly, there was a feeling within the club that all we had to do was put on the jerseys and take three points when we played here."
Tomorrow's task, however

exhading the freshoess that be brought to radio commentary up to devote himself to Wycombe, says: "It's like out moment of glory. It's every non-League side's dream to get as far as they can in the Cup. to draw a Liverpool, Tottenham or Arsenal.

"It's as important to us as the players at Everton, say, before a semi-final. We have played an awful lot of games to get ben

MOTOR SPORT

Three-man consortium takes control at Lotus

By JOHN BLUNSDEN nine of them establishing new

THE anticipated restructuring of Team Lotus International before the 1991 season was confirmed yesterday by Tony Rudd the chairman, in a statement released from Ketteringham Hall, the team's Norfolk beadquarters. Under the new arrangements

operational control will pass into the hands of a consortium comprising Peter Collins, formerly the team manager for Benetion, Peter Wright, the grand-effects specialist who has been managing director of Lotus Engineering since 1988, and Horst Schuebel, the German

For both Collins and Wright it marks a return to the team with which they served as assistant team manager and suspension specialist, respectively.

Further details relating to the 1991 season, including the source of new sponsorship, will be revealed shortly, but the team has already announced one of its 1991 drivers. He is Mika Hakkinen, the Finnish driver, aged 22, who recently secured the 1990 British Formula Three championship with the West Surrey Racing team after a season in which he contested 20

races, winning 11 and starting

lan records. Hakkinen is the third Finn to graduate into Formula One

racing, following the career path of Keke Rosberg, who went on to win the world championship with Williams in 1982, and JJ Lehto, who will be driving for the BMS Dallara team next Hakkinen's team partner has

vet to be revealed, but both Johnny Herbert and Bernd Schneider are helieved to be on the Lotus team's shortlist.

Although the posts of chief designer, team manager and senior race engineer, made vacant by recent resignations, have apparently all been filled, details of the new team structure will be the subject of a further announcement

However, it is believed that the new-look Lotus team will provide the opportunity for Schuebel to renew an old relationship with Enrique Scalabroni, the chassis designer.

The widely respected Argentinian was responsible for the Dallara cars which Schuebel ran for Schneider when he won the 1987 German Formula Three championship, and he has since worked on the design staff for both the Williams and

Bassett seeks an unusual remedy By Louise Taylor

ON THE opening day of the Saturday of the new season, Dennis Wise, of Chelses, was sent off for a foul on Andy Gray, season, the local paper in Sheffield carried interviews with unanimously advising Dave Bassett to "jump ship now". of Crystal Palace, at Selhurst Park. At the time Chelsea were regarded as dark horses for the With the vessel apparently championship, leaving Palace, who emerged 2-1 winners, rank

sinking fast, the man at the helm effield United could be forgiven for wondering if he was right not to beed those warnings. This afternoon, United are poised to equal the League record for the worst start to a season of 16 games without a win, established by Hull City

To escape it, Bassett's team must beat a resurgent Derby County at Bramail Lane. But the Sheffield cynics - who yesterday learnt that the club is £3 million in debt - should note that Hull still managed to avert demotion from the second division in the spring.

Bassett hopes to secure similar security with a little help from a psychologist, Simon Myerson. "It is not a matter of rubbing Alladin's lamp and solving all our problems. It is a matter of seeing if this can help," Bassett said. "Simon is highly recommended. Unless I am open minded about him I am never going to know."

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

sea's ninth. Tottenham Hotspar's second

Gascoigne was hustled out of the midfield before being pus-

coigne's removal to a Redford-shire health farm last week in preperation for today's return at

White Hart Lane. A sub-plot involves Gary Mabbutt, who is included in the England B team

to play in Algeria next week,

marking Marco Gabbiadini, who surprisingly is not.

The leading second division match pairs West Ham United

with Portsmouth at Fration Park, where the visitors will be

out to complete a 20-match

unbesten League sequence.

Barclays League First division Aston Villa v Man City Datey (eye injury) is doubtful for Villa. Cascarino leads the attack in Villa. Cascarno leave in place of Olneyand Comyn continues in central defence. City choose between Dubble and Coton, who is fit again, in goal. Allen (chickenpox) is abse Clarke, returns to the squad after a

loan spall at Shrowsbury. Luton v Arsenal Hughes has fitness test for tugres has rimers test for Luton this morning: Reas stands by, Arsanal must decide whether to retain O'Leary as a sweeper or reintroduce Groves. Nottm Forest v Liverpool

With Hodge (call) still absent, Forest are unchanged. McMahon is restored to litness and returns for Liverpool. Everton v Coventry Everton recall Watson and Milligan, but ornit Atteredd. Gyr.n (ankie) faces a late fitness test for Coverity, who could recall Orinkell to the attack.

Man Utd v Leeds Utd Webb replaces injured ince for United. Bruce returns from injury, but Robson does not. Sharpe is fit to resume. Leeds are

Norwich v Southampton NOTWICH V DOULDAMPIO
Roserio is fit to play his first
game for Norwich since
September, replacing Power in
the attack, but Fleck (knee) is
missing. Dodd is fit to resume in
the Southampton delence at the
expense of Cheredrak. There is
atili no place for Rod Wallacs. Chelsea v Crystal Palace

Chelses are unaltered. Palace choose from 16. Sheff Utd v Derby United select from 17. Mickle-white (calf) faces a late fitness test for Derby. Davidson joins the

Wimbledon v OPR Bennett is back in the Wimbledon squad. QPR welcome Falco after injury but Parker, McDonald, Ferdinand and Channing are still unfit. On-loan Cassar continues in detence.

Tottenham v Sunderland If Sadgley (shin) passes a fitness test, Tottenham will field the side which drow U-U at Roker Park in August. Van den Hauwe, Thomas or Tuttle will deputise. Sunderland are unchanged for the fourth successive true. Second division

Leicester v Oldham With Pusike (stormuch) and James (thigh) unit, Leicester recall Spearing and Hill. Oldham replace Adams with Holden. Middlesbro v West Brom Phillips (ankle) faces a lais test for Boro, Wast Brom are without Bradley (Influenza); Hodson paputises at right back. McN oeputises at right back. McNaity (hamstring), and Goodman (call) await fitness tests, but roader has recovered from food poisoning.

Portsmouth v West Ham Awtord continues in central outeness for Portsmouth, Dicks (knee) is still absent for West Harn, who are use without Ke natring). Gale returns to the

Barrow twice shy of Whitley scalps of Bath City and Kidder- over Cardiff City in a first round THE matches between Whitley Bay and Barrow and Woking against Merthyr Tydifi are guaranteed to send two non-League sides through to the draw for the third round of the FA Cup tomorrow (Walter Gammie writes). In both ties, the GM Vauxhall Conference sides will

be treading warily at clubs from lower down the pyramid. Whitley Bay, of the HFS Loans League, last year reached the third round draw only to lose 1-0 at Rochdale. On the way, they beat Barrow 3-1 in the third qualifying round. This season the club has acquired Paul Ferris, the winger who played in the Barrow side that beat Leek Town 3-0 in the FA Trophy final at Wembley.

Woking lead the Vauxhall

League premier division and have chained the Conference

WYCOMBE Wanderers put on sale 4,200 tickets for today's FA

coming into the ground this week and been quite angry to find out there were no more

eager all season to embrace the club and its exciting new

ground, Adams Park. The oris-

tine facilities have been

matched by sparking football played under the positive direc-

tion of Martin O'Neill, the

former Northern Ireland inter-

Kidderminster last Saturday,

they had been unbeaten at

home, drawing average crowds of around 3,000. So it was no wonder that the tickets were

Goldsworthy praises O'Neill's

contribution. He said: "He's

made a tremendous impact. His

results he has produced as

manager are such, that he's

personality is such, and

enapped up so fast.

Until Wycombe lost 3-2 to

The townspeople have been

due a return to form by Tim Buzzglo, who scored 50 goals to make it as a profession last season, but who has been a run in the youth side. struggling through injury and loss of form, while Merthyr must do without David Webtey, their main goalscorer. Webley's replacement, Phil Green, ha however, struck four goals in two matches.

Leek, who won 2-0 at Scarborough in their first appearance in the first round, play Chester City at home with Neil Baker, the manager, saying: "I believe we will be in the third instinctive feeling I had before we won at Scarborough."

Paul Clarke, the Hayes for-

minster Harriers. They are over-replay returns to Bournemouth with a point to prove. He failed to make it as a professional after

Injuries have plagued the preparations of Barnet, the second-placed side in the GM Vauxhall Conference, before their home match with Northampien Town, the fourth division leaders. Hakan Hayrettin comes into the side for Wayne Turner. Brian Hall has returned to

Beazer Homes League club parted with Alan Gane. • Folkestone Town have been shut down by the Beazer Homes League for the second time this

season and been given a fort-night to pay money which they owe the liquidator.

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from pole position 13 times. He set 13 fastest race laps.

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Stewart is two small steps short of a big upset



From Srikumar Sen MOXING CORRESPONDENT ATLANTIC CITY

MIKE Tyson sets out tonight on the second stage of his journey to reclaim the undisputed world heavyweight title he lost in Tokyo 11 months ago.

He hopes that a quick disposal of Alex Stewart, a Londoner from Shepherd's Bush, will go some way to wiping out the memory of the humiliation at the hands of James "Buster" Douglas.

Nothing pains Tyson more. than questions about Tokyo. He turns his head like Gort in the film, The Day the Earth Stood Still, to say: "You know when you ask me these questions I cannot articulate the situation. I'm a champion. Being a champion is a frame of mind. I'll always be a champion, for a long "Regardless of what you think

about Douglas, Douglas is not going to be remembered as a guy who upset Mike Tyson, he is going to be remembered for the guy who quit against Holyfield.

"People say you learn from your mistakes. You learn but you never dwell on it. If you have that block will you will never get past To help erase the memory, a

television commercial links Tyson with Freddie Kruger, the man in Nightmare on Elm Street, who always comes back to terrorise. "Pray for Alex Stewart," intones an American version of the voice of Valentine Dyall. Compounding the horror, Tyson told a press conference: "If I don't kill him, it doesn't count."

To blur the memory further, Tyson and Don King, his promoter and adviser, appear on a film by Spike Lee that opens up wounds of the black-white conflict in America, with King stating the case of the black American who was sorry his head broke the white man's shiny stick. So offensive is it that it would not be shown in Britain for fear of inciting a riot. Ros Greenburg, the producer of the Home Box Office film, admitted cheerfully that it might incite "rednecks to throw bricks at the television".

But Bill Cayton, the estranged manager of Tyson, said: "That man [King] has brainwashed the kid it is a racist movie. You would not think that a white person discovered Tyson and taught him to box, a white man took him into his home as a son and a white woman loved him and a white trainer trained him and two white managers made him a world champion."

Tale of the tape

ext: 26 wins (26 inside the distance), 1

But while these tricks might elicit the desired reaction from Cayton, they have not prevented Stewart from focusing on his daunting task. He intends to do a Buster Douglas on Tyson. He is young, ambitious and the coolest

boxer I have ever seen.
"I know he's the quickest and most dangerous fighter out there and says he's going to kill me, but what I picked up from watching the Douglas film is that you can hit Tyson," Stewart said. "When he leaps up to get you, that's an excellent chance to throw a punch. You have to hope you're

SPEEDWAY

after talks

new year with a new look after the Sunbrite League and Nat-

ional League approved a merger. National League

promoters voted in favour of the amalgamation that will bring

relegation into the sport for the

first time in its history.

The National League general council supported their manage-

tion to support a full-blow

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the ability to do damage."

Just in case the public thinks that it was Douglas who showed Stewart the way, his manager, Jim Fennell, said: "Alex was always telling me 'Get me Tyson. get me Tyson' long before Buster Douglas showed the world how to Fennell admitted, however.

that he had seen tapes of two of Tyson's bouts, the one against Douglas and the other against Larry Holmes. "Yes, believe it or not by Ripley, Larry Holmes," Fennell said. "I know he was a shot fighter and a shadow of the great Larry Holmes but he showed what could be done by giving Tyson angles and jabbing him. If Stewart doesn't give him alleys for two or three rounds. you will see something

But Art Miles, the trainer of Donovan Ruddock, the one who is really going to show Tyson, said Stewart should allow for two steps that Tyson takes — because he is small — before launching his attack. Miles said: "What you do is wait until you see him take his first step and then decide whether to hit him or move back. If you do that he has to set himself up again. That was what Douglas did, keep making Tyson set

Stewart was also saying that he would use his right, just as Douglas did. But Douglas is not only a bigger man than Stewart, he has quicker hands and is a slicker boxer. Stewart is a notoriously slow starter and has slow hands and slow feet. If he throws a big right he could expose himself, just as Tyreil Biggs. Henry Tillman and Frank Bruno

Tyson, on the other hand, has looked sharp in training and his conditioning is supported by the fact that he weighed 217lb, a pound lighter than Stewart. His hand speed is bewildering and he is bursting with energy. He admits that against Douglas he was not in the right frame of mind. He is for Stewart.

If Stewart does not manage to shut down the "alleys" to his body and head, it is most likely that the bout will not go more than three or four rounds. Richie Giachetti, Tyson's trainer, said: "Alex Stewart is

going to walk in there and find himself with a situation he has never been in before. Cus D'Amato built an incredible fighting machine and Stewart is going to find himself with the best fighter in the world."



Fishing

Homage to the strange barbel

THE test of a good fishing book is reading it a second time round. Chris Yates, who caught the British record carp of 51lb and now writes of another large and mysterious freshwater fish, the barbel, meets the test.

He has caught some large ones and seems to approach them with a kind of holy swe, as a worshipper, a lover, and he presents excellent colour photographs of the fish and the fishing which makes his adoration understandable. This is about the best book on firshwater hair the best book on freshwater bein

I have read twice and dipped into a third time a book of broadcasts about Scottish lochs and loch fishing made by the fishing correspondent of The Scottman, Bruce Sandison. Not only does he tall you where and how to fish the main Scottish lochs, what flies to use and what drifts to find, he has a historian's

Rodger McPhail has gained a reputation as the best country

artist since Peter Scott. His new sketchbook, in full colour, con-

centrates on rivers, bird life, fish and fishermen. If you have enjoyed Tunnicliffe on wild life,

here is his natural successor. McPhail has a sense of hum

our, too. You must not miss his

in a crowded doctor's surgery with a large artificial fly embedded at the end of his nose. (Fishing Season, Rodger McPhall, Swan Hill Press,

Book collectors and addicts of

the classic sulmon fly will welcome the publication over here of the great American

nere or the great American reference book The Art of the Atlantic Salmon Fly by J D Bates. It is published with its brilliant full-colour illustrations complete by Swan Hill Press at £25.

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MOMMEN (BMD) EAST LEAGUE Premier division: Bedford v Cheimstord,
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Crostys; Carabridge Norsads v Bury St;
Edmunds; Harleston Magples v Ipswicht;
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Colchester; Wisbech v Peterbrough.

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divisions Bridgwater v Clevedon; Beth
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Concessmenter; Exister University v Swindon; Gloucaster City v Westbury; Hereford v Chetenham; Mariborough v Char
Vals.

Bonnie Prince Charlie took boat across the line of your drift after the disaster of the Forty-five. (Tales of the Loch, Bruce Sandison, Mainstream Publishing, Edinburgh, £9.95.)

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fishing I have road. (The Deep-ening Pool, Chris Yates, Unwin, £15.95.)

eye for the country he writes about.

Here they imprisoned Mary, Queen of Scots, and there

All change for club Invitation By NICHOLAS HARLING

AN ALMOST entirely unfamiliar line-up at the fourteenth World Invitation Club championships at Crystal Palace later this month means that two new finalists will certainly emerge.

finalists will certainly emerge. There is a new sponsor, too, Russell Athletic, the American sportswear brand, which is making inroads into Europe.

Russell's three-year deal is for \$250,000 (£130,000). "There will not be a lot of benefit this year but in year two, there should be real benefits," David Let the tourness corsuier. said. He has been without a big sponsor since Philips Electonics ended their association five Acens estor

worn by two of the women's teams competing and three of the men's, among them one known as Russell Athletic Radiators, selected from New York-based players, including hopefully, three who have appeared in the National Basketball

The Americans are certain to be seeded but unfortunately neither of last season's finalists, in the draw. All three clubs are European Champions Cup and are prevented from competing by a clash of dates.

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four other English clubs, the two who qualified in a pre-season tournament, Thames Valley Ti-gars and Manchester, and two tions, the third and fourth placed clubs in the Carlsberg

Maccabi's absence will be partially compensated by the inclusion of their domestic rivals and recent conquerors, Hapoel Jersusalem, Last has also persuaded the second best German club, Bayreuth, play.

SPORTS POLITICS Sheffield tries to cut cost of facilities

ities after the 1991 World Student Games, has approached the Sports Council to become partners in a joint management Sports Council officials have already visited sites on the Lower Don Valley athletic sta-dium and the Ponds Forge swimming complex to look at the possibility of them becoming national centres of ex-cellence. David Pickup, the director-general of the govern-ment-financed quango, said yesterday that discusisons were "only at a very exploratory stage". The disadvantage of the Sheffield sites is that there is no

country and underwritten by the council, are already costing the Sheffield poll tax payer a £26 levy on their annual bills, for 23 years from 1992. The running costs would be an additional burden on the local poll tax

Homepierpont, the national water centre is owned by Nottingham County Council and its losses are borne by the council and the Sports Council. At the end of next year it will be run by a private company under the direction of a committee made up by the local council and the

Crystal Palace is owned by the Crystal Palace is owned by the London Borough of Bromley. The Sports Council has a lease

Faldo and Norman left League to merge floundering in the pack

MELBOURNE (Reuter) - Greg Norman and Nick Faldo, the world leaders, looked for a time that they would miss the cut in the Australian Classic after struggling with their form in difficult conditions here

Both had dreadful starts to the second round, with Norman scoring a 73 and Faldo a 74 to finish on 144 and 146. The

halfway cut came at 150.
Greg Turner, of New Zealand,
moved in to the lead on 137
with a 68, three under par, one shot clear of Gabriel Hjeristedt, aged 19, a Swede based in Australia. Turner, a past winner of the Scandinavian Open, has been working on his swing for 18 months with Dennis Pugh, a partner of David Leadbetter, the man who built the swing that has helped Faldo to win four

said, "but when I line up I now have an idea where the ball will go whereas before it could go straight — or 50 yards either

Lurking two shots behind a break from golf, adding: "I will Turner on three under par were have to do something special to

Rodger Davis, of Austrana, and Ray Floyd, the American who has not won a tournament for four years.

Taking off early, Faldo caught ton, the overnight leaders, both and the control of th

four years.

Tecing off early, Faldo caught windy conditions and in one five-hole spell dropped five shots, including a double-bogoy five at the seventh when he chipped out of one bunker into another.

The winner of the Open and Masters, who missed a cut for the first time in 19 months at in Tokyo last month, was let down by his putting and headed straight for a long session on the practice green after his round. Norman dropped five strokes in three holes, culminating with a triple-bogey seven at the fourth after driving his ball out He recovered brilliantly to

finish two-over par for the day after an inward nine of 33, three under, and said: "It was looking like I would miss the cut and I was happy the way I came back. I could even have got back to Norman said he felt in need of

four over par, to go back to level par, five shots behind Turner, Patton, who went out in 43, took eight-over. Wayne Grady, the US PGA champion, survived the cut by one wroke after a second-round 75 but Craig Parry, beaten in a play-off at last week's Australian Open, missed out after a bogey at the little.

feil away. Owen returned a 75,

leagues earlier this week.

The Sunbrite League made it clear they would not consider anything other than a straight merger and the formation of a first and second division with reconciler and releastics. promotion and relegation.

They rejected the National

League's counter-proposal of a Conference system embracing all the country's 26 tracks because it would have meant

seriously weakening the existing nine top clubs. Four National League tracks - Poole, Ipswich, Wimbledon and Berwick - were

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Westey Pills; Barneley v York; Bishoon v
Booty; Bury v Burnege; Brodney or
Brocksbridge; Caldy v Bleckburn;
Carmforth v Lancaster University;
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Chesterfield v Loughborough; Caucheson v Knottingloy; Cauce and Naming v Closson; Dense Prome and Naming v Closson; Dense Prome Serior; Deriverby; Deveroor v Old Selsens; Doncasse v Serior; Deveroor v Old Selsens; Doncasse v Serior; Deveroor v Workson XV; Haritex v Duke of Weltengon's Regimen; Haritex v Goos; Hareh v Come and Present v Goos; Hareh v Come and Present v Come thisms; Huddersteid V; Norman v Laude Combiners; Huddersteid V; McKlestonuch; Hut and ER v Pency Park; Huflensteins v plema v Goost Heasth v Cohe and Insense, please v Old Hymerians: Hose Valley v Stanfield RV. Harmani v Lands Combiners: Huddersteld v Middlesthrough; Hud and ER v Parcy Park; Hullensleins v Meriat; Hud londers v Beneriey; Krisal v Warringdon; Kesselde v Morthallerton; Ohtoy Lowes v Romandas; Lode YMCA v Leeds CSSA; Long Eston v East Restord; Lymm v Rochdale; Morley Cavalians v Huddersteld YMCA; Morpeth v Staddard; her break v Huddersteld VMCA; Morpeth v Staddard; her break v Huddersteld VMCA; Morpeth v Staddard; her break v Huddersteld v Huddersteld v VMCA v Roundard v Ryton; Port Straight v Setton; Reddar v Roundard v Ryton; Port Straight v Setton; Reddar v Scarborough; Rechmondshirs v Whitby; Rotherbarn XV v Roddillians; Rotherbarn XV v Roddillians; Rotherbarn v Romandard v Huddersteld v Hudersteld v Huderst

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here with a remarkable 67 yesterday, only two shots more than the record for the event, held jointly by Fuzzy Zoeller and Severano Ballemeros. Lyle, who had six birdies, putted particularly well, his only lapse coming at the intimidating isth, a per four. For his apwas undecided whether to take a five or six-tron. He bit a five too

Lyle gets back in

the swing

From a Correspondent

IN BOPHUTHATSWANA

SANDY Lyle followed his first round of 80 in the Million Dollar Challenge tournament

long and three putted. However. bagest first prize in golf.
The overnight leader, Bernhard Langer, maintained his position until the 17th hole where he dropped two strokes to hand the lead to the South African, David Frost who had a 71 for a total of 142.

SECOND ROUND SCORES: 165: D Frost (SA), 71, 71 143: 8 Langer (Ger), 68, 74; J In Cleabled (Sp.), 73, 70 146: F Allem (SA), 73, 72 147; K Green (US), 75, 72; A Lyle (GE), 80, 67, 148: T Sampson (US), 75, 74, 185: T Armour III (US), 81 71, 166: R Gartez (US), 78 78.

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GM Vauxhall Conference

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DVERSON PAPERS COMBUNATIONS

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"I'm not finished yet," Turner

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OTHER SPORT DARTS: Winmau World Championehipe (Earls Court, London).

TOMORROW

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00.30-02.30 (Monday): FA Cap: Second round, 858 13.15-15.30: Italian league, Eurosport 19.00-21.00: World Cap. GOLF: Screensport 01.00-03.00, 17.30-18.00 and 18.00-20.00: JC Penney Clas-Proview to the Payour Cup. ITV 01.00 ICE SKATENCE Europport 21.00-22.30.
NHK Trophy from Tokyo.
INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORT: report 15.30-18.00, RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 14.05-15.30; Autraken tour of France, DSB 18.65-19.45, Regal Cup: Second round.

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INLEED AND WOOL MORTH VEST LEAGUE? Premier division: Blackburn v Northop Halt; Chester v Manchester YMCK; Deedde Rambers; Prescot v Krustinet's Sala v Mean Derby Santonov v By JOHN GOODBODY SHEFFIELD City Council, which is anxious to relieve the running costs on its new facilscheme for two sites.

residential accommodation alongside the venues. The facilities, the best in the

The Sports Council already

has five national centres. Bisham Abbey, Lilleshall and Plas y Brenin are owned by the Sports Council Trust. Bisham Abbey is already under private management and the two others mil follow next year.

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on the centre and manages it, although it will be subject to competitive tendering in the



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Midlands hope their back row can limit London's possession

game away from their back week. row and scrum half against
After their 43-8 demolition the different build-up repreLondon when the ADT diof the North, London are sentative rugby involves. sumes at the Stoop memorial biggest question is whether centres. Ian Bates has a groin will muffle and compress strain and Tim Buttimore has influenza so the Leicester pair

are replaced by Stuart Potter,

of Nottingham, and John

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Thame, of Northampton. It is a bad blow for the about Hodgkinson's ability to Midlands after their confidence had been lifted by the 34-9 defeat of the South and South-West last weekend. It need not necessarily be fatal because if they are to overturn London's hopes of a third successive championship, it is among the forwards they must do it and I doubt whether Peter Rossborough, their coach, envisaged a game of great breadth, even with his

Both hookers will enjoy themselves. Brian Moore and John Olver have swopped divisions this season but it is Olver who is in favour with the England selectors and it may be significant that rugby played in the first London's senior players, division is not as good as the Moore among them, have recent Leicester-Bath games

WHATEVER plans the Mid-lands had made to develop a commitment in training this "There's an increase in p

"There's an increase in pace

Players must discover the

ability to fit together in a

different environment.

London, for instance, have no club partnerships in the back

division, and only Will [Car-

ling and I have any continu-

ous experience of playing

one to hope that he has put behind him the troubles of this

past week, when he has been

quizzed by the Rugby Football

Union about an alleged

infringement of his amateur

status. He turned an ankle last

week and has not trained with

the division but is expected to

play, though John Buckton

stands by and Gavin Thomp-

Gloucester and Bristol, garbed as the South-West, fly to West

Hartlepool this morning with

Guscott and Hall restored to

their ranks. But Teague has

withdrawn from No. 8

because of a damaged thumb,

in a side committed to a

much-improved forward

The North have had their

problems too. Kimmins has a

trapped nerve in his back and

his place at lock goes to his

club colleague, Cusani, dropped after the defeat by

London, Heslop's bruised hip

has not mended sufficiently

quickly so another Orrell man,

Cusack, makes his divisional

debut on the wing. But the

North have yet to lose a

divisional match to the South-

West in six encounters; they

rejuvenated by the competitive-

ness of leagues and is a player that Cardiff once more believe

to be essential for their close

contest,
Lianelli, who play Bridgend,
have picked Rupert Moon at
scrum half, despite the fact that

he is playing in the divisional championship. Colin Stephens,

after his fine individual display

against Newport recently, is

again back in harness at stand-off half. He could be partnered.

therefore, by his scrum half of that evening, Steffan Jenkins. With Phil May out with injury, Phil Davies will play at lock. The Brewery Field holds no fear for Lianelli since they have

won there in the last two seasons. Bridgend will need

better inspiration than they had

two weeks ago when Abertillery.

Pontypool will be without

with a man short, held them to a

their captain, Kevin Moseley, for their visit to Swansea. The

lock, who has appeared five times for Wales and was sent off

against France last season, when he received a 32-week suspen-

sion, has informed his club that he no longer wishes to play for

connection with Pontypool, for

whom he had made 203 appearances. He could be on his way

them. This severs a seven

display,

Ojomoh (Bath) replacing him

The combination of Bath,

son is added to the squad.

Reference to Carling leads

together."

visional championship re- overwhelming favourites. The ground today, spluttered to a they can repeat that outstandhalt when they lost both their ing form against a side which them far more than the North were able to do; none of them need to be told anything about the Midland back row of

Richards, Rees and Wells, nor

kick goals.
"The Midlands have got their act together and look better equipped in the lineout than anybody else we meet," Richard Best, the London coach, said. "We assume that they will try to stop us playing by starving us of possession. How else would a side try to combat the obvious qualities in our team?

It is a point well made, by a team which enjoys divisional rugby rather more than others appear to do. "It's a step up, even from first-division rugby," Rob Andrew, the captain, said and he might have added that much of the

TODAY'S TEAMS

Saracens ready for Samoans

By DAVID HANDS

THREE teams from the other side of the world will add variety to the scene next week when wend their way through the country en route to the Toulouse centenary tournament: London Irish Select tomorrow and play Northampton on Tues-day, Western Samoa meet the Wellington arrive at Rosslyn Park on Tuesday.

All the clubs concerned will hope their players survive today's representative programme. Saracens, for example, will hope to field Buckton and Clarke against the Samoans under Luton's floodlights if London do not require them for more than the divisional bench the following weekend. In the meantime Saracens welcome back Peters, the Loughborough University back-row forward, for today's game with Nuneaton. Coventry call on Wilkes to prop against Nottingham at Beeston; it will be his 356th game for the club but his first since April last year and in the opposing front row he will encounter the Ward brothers, John and David, appearing together in Nottingham's front

row for only the second time. There are fraternal matters in hand at Sudbury too, where Wasps entertain Headingley. David Andrew returns at scrum half for Headingley and Richard, his brother, is a replacement. Unfortunately the better-known brother, Rob, will not be there to welcome them as he must captain London in the divisional match at the Stoop

Memorial ground. Cox returns to lead Moseley in the dress rehearsal against Bristol for their Pilkington Cup meeting next month; Moseley

loose-head prop. Wright (Middlesbrough) replaces Woodthorpe in the side to play Warwickshire at Nuneaton. Middlesex, who play Hertfordshire at Croxley Green, make three amendments to the XV that beat Berkshire: Matteson (hooker), Fowler (lock) and White (flanker) are included.

beaten by Yorkshire last weekend, introduce Langford and Wellens to their midfield and Carr. the Fylde lock, against North Midlands at Orrell Keegan has recovered from food poisoning to lead North Mid-will be Paul Thorburn, the able to create a more positive lands on what is certain to be captain, or another senior environment for the players. poisoning to lead North Midheavy going.

(Noningham), D Richards (Leice Saptair). Referee: F Howard (Liverpool). At West Hariispool At West Ha

Neath still there for the stopping

AS THE Heineken Leagues confident had Mike Griffiths reach the halfway stage today, been available at prop. But even though he has returned to play after suspension, he is not quite match fit. Paul Edwards plays raises speculation about who all break their stranglehold at player of long standing apart. ak their stranglehold at player of long standing apart of the premier division. will break their stranglehold at the top of the premier division. With 16 points, they are five gan Wanderers, can consider points ahead of their nearest himself a veteran but has been

This afternoon they arrive at Cardiff Arms Park, The home team have won five league matches without looking entirely convincing in any of them.

This does not stop the feeling that Neath are there for the stopping, although no Welsh

team has done so in 47 games.
The law of averages, which says that sooner or later they must fail, encourages this optimism. Cardiff, 100, may be motivated by the welter of points registered against the the last four outings with Neath.

The latter have dominated proceedings, acoring 153 points

Pontypridd proved two weeks ago when they drove Neath close at the Gnoll that they have shown a vulnerability which has not been the case in other

Two of Wales's young locks, Stuart Roy and Andrew Kembery, who are in the present squad, will face each other in the neont. With Ron Waldron, the Welsh team manager, pres this could provide a much needed pointer as to who will succeed in that position for the championship in January. Gar-eth Llewellyn, normally at lock, will play at No. 8. Cardiff would feel much more down the road to Newbridge.

Players to have a say

have not won at the Memorial Ground since 1954. THE Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) is to invite a leading Yorkshire go into the second round of the ADT county championship with a newcomer writes). The committee of six hopes to make recommenda-tions within the next fortnight.

Denis Evans, the WRU secretary, and Ron Waldron, the national team manager, will sit Wales' two International Rugby Visite (flanker) are included.

Lancashire, the holders but
Lancashire last upoksentatives, Denzil Lloyd and Glanmor Griffiths, and Gordon Williams, from the union's policy and planning sub-committee. The sixth member will be a representative of the national squad, though whether it

player, remains to be deter-mined. "The committee hopes to set out what the national squad can do and how they can do it," Jonathan Price, the WRU commercial adviser, said yesterday. "We also need to provide a role model for the clubs within the union." The Welsh supported the relaxation of the amateur regulations introduced by the IRFB in October, and their players have agreed not to commit themselves to any longterm contracts until the union has established an official struc-

ture for commercial activities. Any such activities will require sanction but the union, having taken legal and financial advice, is happy that it will be

SNOOKER

Venue is a drawback for James

By STEVE ACTESON

SOME venues, such as the ionship, yesterday lost 50 per frame on the pink.
Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, and cont of a similar lead to be 5-3

Mike Hallett, w the Guildhall, Preston, are redolent of atmosphere and the play often reflects that. The play often reflects that the play often reflects that line cue oan changed during the same cannot be said of the second frame; apparently it was skidding but this made little Brentwood Centre, Essex, nome of the £750,000 Coalite World Matchplay – despite a first prize of £100,000 – and yesterday's of £100,000 – and yesterday's one point without a ball being pointed. James emerged from the And ultimately the match attacking made with a break of 33, 32, 77, 46

Prist ROUND: M Hallett (Eng) leads G Wisinson (Eng), 5-3; S James (Eng) leads of G Wisinson (Eng), 5-3; S James (Eng)

Mike Hallett, who was so displeased with his cue three weeks ago that he broke it into six pieces, was equally un-impressed with himself as he fell-2-0 behind to Gary Wilkinson. But after giving himself a talk-ing-to in the gents, he emerged with breaks of 33, 82, 77, 46 Pursuing youngster can see old hands on the horizon



Maturing early is a question of timing

By SALLY JONES

ONE of Britain's brightest rackets prospects, Mark Hue Williams, aged 22, who this week reached the semi-final of the Lacoste British amateur champiouship, has been workchampiousbip, has been work-ing hard to come of age in a sport where most champions reach their peak in their Hue Williams who survived

the toughest of quarter-finals after Tim Cockroft twice served for the match, is certainly starting to hone the mental toughness be once felt he lacked in singles despite his impressive rackets pedigree. His father, Charles, was amateur singles champion but best known as "Mr Doubles", with a string of victories in both the Bruce public school old boys' championships. The Hue Williams family has dominated the latter event for the past two years, Mark and his Etonian partner, Willie Boone, the amature the past two defeations the past two defeations. teur champion, twice defeating the Harrovian pairing of Charles and John Prenn in the

Chandon maxi grand prix, yes-terday spoke about the next

America's Cup, the build-up to which begins next March in San

Diego.

Nobody has more hands-on experience of America's Cup sailing than Conner and, with

meticulous planning and intelli-gence gathering his special forte, few can have a better grasp of

the subject.

Although bardly running scared, Conner realises that his own selection as the American

defender is not a foregone conclusion. He forecasts that

Italy, Japan and New Zealand will take three of the four semi-

final places" in the challenger

Of Peter de Savary's British

challenge, Conner says: "I admire his abilities at promoting his yacht harbour—I have yet to see that enthusiasm channelled

into yacht racing." Conner does not give the British even an

outside chance of making the semi-finals.
As for the defenders, Conner

said: "After the court victory, San Diego had 12 or 13 people put their hands up to say they

wanted to defend. The yacht club interviewed them all and

most turned out to be T-shirt

"Peter Isler then dropped out

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cheeked good looks and endearing drawl conceal a ficree determination, acknowledges his debt to his father.
"Call him a boyish looking 48
he'll like that. Seriously though, he's always been amaz-ingly encouraging, getting me started with a cut-down racket the vear before I went to Eton and always ready to have a hit with me, even when I was a weedy tecnager. He's such a strong character; it could have

been awkward when I started to reach his standard but it's never been a fierce rivalry more a close camaraderie, even when we have to play each

Charles Hue Williams, a bold and highly successful City whiz-kid, recently resigned from his job with Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bankers over the ill-starred purchase of an oil company, a reverse which he bore with enormous style and good humour. He played rackets still more avidly and (on the day after losing what insiders claim was a stratospheric salary), during a game in which Mark broke a

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Koch's America³ syndicate.

The huge resources behind Koch and the Italian and Japo-

nese challengers have left Conner, whose motto is "No Excuse to Lose", unsure of having the technological edge over all rivals for the first time

in a decade.
"Having a potentially faster

boat ourside our syndicate should be good for Dennis," he

says (discussing himself in the

third person is a Conner trait). "In 1980, '83 and '86 our stiffest

competition came from inside our own syndicate. This time it

the strict nationality rules surrounding the Cup. He still describes Australia 2, the boat

he lost to in 1983, as being "designed with Dutch help" and

says: "The rules just went away.

It used to be a national thing, Now it is just driven by winning."

And the prize for winning is bigger than ever. Conner quotes

estimates that the year-long Cup circus will "bring a billion fresh

turnover of four times that sum.

in California there is a seven per

cent sales tax. The government will get a free bonus of \$280

winning the America's Cup

would do for the Russians?" For

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"That is \$4 billion of sales and

Conner laments the passing of

British chances

DENNIS Conner, who is relax-ing here at the end of the Moet et us." He means himself and Bill

racket, he jokingly observed, "You'll have to buy your own from now on!" His son believes the setback brought them still closer. "I was tremendously proud of the way he dealt with losing his job —

and I made sure I was there for

him. If something goes wrong, someone takes the blame and he did the honourable thing, standing up straight and taking With a politics degree from Bristol University, Hue Wil-liams Jr is now looking for a career in political consultancy or sports marketing, based in Britain or the US to allow him

competition.

He admits that despite the coaching of Norwood Cripps, "the best pro in England", he was a less than promising youngster during his time at Eton, winning none of the schoolboy titles and making his mark at Bristol only after hard training and regular sessions. training and regular sessions with Shannon Hazell, the Clifton professional and one of the challengers for James Male's world title in the new year.

The first breakthrough was

partnering Hazell to the US Open doubles title in 1987, beating two outstanding pairs

Victor Cazalet and the
formidable Willie Boone, and
Randall and Andrew Crawley.
The British Under-21 singles
followed in 1988 and the Under-25 championship last season, together with a host of "I was a bit of a pipsqueak at

"I was a bit of a pipsqueak at school and only put on height and weight later. Norwood gave me a great technical grounding but it was playing someone as hard-hitting as Shannon that really brought my game on." Hue Williams said. "I suppose my strengths are my service and forehand. The backhand's always been a problem but I'm working hard access to top rackets problem but I'm working hard on that, as well as starting to build up my strength and stamina with running and

weights to give me the vital psychological edge to clinch the really close matches." John Prenn, a former world champion, believes Hue Wil-liams has plenty of potential. "He hits the ball very hard despite still not being very big

and strong, and that's all down to excellent timing. His application is the most impressive thing of all though — he works extremely hard at his game and he's right to keep at

Hue Williams agrees that many from such a privileged background would find motivation difficult, but claims that this has never been one of his problems. "Of course I've had life fairly easy and great family support. My grand-mother was Argentine tennis." champion and my mother is one of the all-time great com-mentators from the gallery but I've always longed to be the best and understood that it's win most of all.

"When I was starting Boone and Prenn were like gods to me and they showed that most people except for brilliant all-rounders like Male don't reach see it a bit like a horse race. The big boys are still some way ahead but I've got them in my

Conner writes off Martin on Europe's best keep course Smith hanging on for record From Malcolm McKeag, in St Thomas, us virgin islands

By BARRY PICKTHALL

ALLIED Bank, John Martin's leading entry in the BOC Chall-enge, the solo round the world race, looks likely to break the second-stage record from Cape Town to Sydney by more than

The South African skipper is now within 2,900 miles of the Australian port and more than 330 miles ahead of his nearest rival after averaging 11.1 knots over the first 4.000 miles. Race organisers predict that he will arrive on December 19. almost three days inside the previous best time set four years ago by the French yachtsman, Titouan Lamazou.

Some 1,300 miles astern, Robert Hooke, the London-based American banker lying in third place in the Corinthian class, reported there is less than 200 miles dividing the first three

LEADING POSITIONS (at 12.29 GMT yearsarday, with miles to Sydney); Class 1:

1. Allied Bank (J Martin, SA), 2,900; 2, General Concord (A Gentrer, Fr), 3,222; 3, Innkepper (D Adems, Aus.), 3,247; 4, Groupe Scate (C August, Fr), 3,331; 5, Creolt Agricole (P Jearton, Fr), 3,471; 6, Jerken (K Birtles, Aus.), 3,537; 7, Ecursuli PC (I Autissier, Fr), 3,567; 8, Duraces (M Plant, US), 3,508; 9, BBV Expo '92 (J Ugarte, Sch), 3,572. Class 2: 1, Sarvant (Y Dupasquer, Fr), 3,639; 10, Grinsiter (B Reed, SA), 3,772. Class 2: 1, Sarvant (Y Dupasquer, Fr), 3,639; 2, New Sprit of Ipswitch (J Hall, GB), 3,520; 3, Sponsor 'Wanted (D McIntyre, Aus), 4,028; 4, Project City Kids (J Boye, US), 4,048; 5, Koden (Y Tada, Japan), 4,176. Corinthian class: 1, Volcano (P Thackasberry, US), 4,140; 2, Giobal Exposure (R Davie, GB), 4,204; 3, Nihasi (R Hooke, US), 4,322; 4, Snutendoh) (M Salto, Japan), 4,421. LEADING POSITIONS (at 12.29 GMT

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starters. Smith, the elder son of Harvey, took over the lead on the obliging Clover — winner of more than £20,000 in the last year — half way through the competition after a superbly judged round in which a sharp turn into fence seven gave Smith the edge. Smith then had a tense walt as

a succession of Europe's leading riders attempted to beat his chez Aleman, the last to go, came closest when a daring round on Banesto Twist. They finished a fraction of a second behind Smith to take second place. Ludger Beerbaum, of Germany, and Nelson Pesson, of Brazil, finished joint third.

Although Smith's main aim here is to collect points in the Volvo World Cup qualifier tomorrow - when he will ride either Silver Dust or Vanessa yesterday's win was significant. He bought Clover, an eight

August. The pair had finished second in the Derby Trials and

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ROBERT Smith made an suspicious start to his first World Cup bitterly regrets, decided to put show of the season when he and the inexperienced horse into the snow of the season when he and the inexpenenced noise into the his outstanding speed horse. Jumping Derby, A crashing fall Brook Street Clover won the at the notorious privet hedge opening international class here fence ended the horse's run of from a high class field of 57 success.

"I took him to a small show in France after that," Smith said, "but he wasn't himself." He was then rested and will now be taken very slowly. "He's quite capable of doing the Hickstead Derby but I'll probably wait two years now," Smith said.

Michael Whitaker has also had a confidence problem with the versatile Henderson Didi, who last month had an untypical refusal at an early stage of the Toronto puissance. His clear round yesterday over the small, inviting course was an ideal warm up for the ten-year old stallion. Didi will jump again today but Whitaker, intent on gaining some World Cup points towards the finals in April, will ride his best horse, Henderson Monsanta, tomorrow.

Joe Turi, the only other British rider competing, had a tempestuous outing on Michael Bullman's Derby winner, Vital The Dutch-bred stallion has just year old gelding by Clover Hill, recovered from an operation three years ago and rates him and clearly needs more time

three years ago and rates mind before regaining his form, speed horse — there is nothing he cannot jump."

His confidence was temporarily lost after Hickstead last August. The pair had finished

IN BRIEF

Reputation on the line

MASSIMILIANO Duran, of Italy, defends his WBC cruiserweight boxing title against Anaclet Wamba, of France, here today.

Duran, who won the crown after the eleventh-round disqualification of Carlos De Leon, said: "I want to prove against Wamba that I deserve this title."

OLYMPIC GAMES: Tahiti wants Olympic independence, Napoleon Spitz, its sports minister, said the French territory had a fifth sports federation. which meant it could apply to set up a national committee.

TENNIS: Great Britain lost 2-1 to Germany in the European Nations Championship in Metz. Nick Brown and Jeremy Bates won the doubles, but lost their

have opened a £50,000 dev-elopment under their main stand which includes separate police detention centres for home and away supporters. | Jackpot 29.866.50 (Pool of 19.790.84 \$5.30; \$1.60, \$1.50, \$2.60 DF. \$5.60 | FAGI AND CDICKET TOUR

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(above) of Nupsala in the 1987 King George?

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Pitman win the King George **ENTRY FORM**

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CYCLING

Doyle changes event for title defence

TONY Doyle switches from six-day racing tonight to defend his European 80-kilometre madivictory would give him a third successive title (Peter Bryan

in the absence of his regular partner, Danny Clark, Doyle is paired with Pier-Angelo

"He's a competent six-day rider," Doyle said, "and I believe that we can make a partnership that will put the pressure on everybody else." Bincoletto lives in Grenoble and will be keen to perform well in front of his "home" crowd.

The championship counts towards the new winter international points competition which also includes six-day results. Doyle is top of the table with victory in the Munich race, a second at Bordeaux and two fourth places and two fifth

positions. He has a training programme in Florida before compring in Dormund on Boxing Day and the last six-day events in Cologne, Bremen, Stungart, Antwerp and lastly Copenhagen rom February 1 to 6.

The race The handicap of a selling plate outlook

n the light of the Bank of Ireland's sudden reversal of its decision to sponsor the 1991 Champion Hurdle, coupled with Sears' and Brooke Bond Oxo's withdrawal of financial support, it might appear that the racing industry has problems beyond the Zetland report and the Aga Khan's exit. Are there about to be a mass of redundancies, fewer horses in training and fewer race meetings?

Without sponsors, racing would barely survive. More than £9 million of the £22 million prize-money in 1990 was put up by the commercial sector - which, as Barrie Gill, a sponsorship consultant, pointed out at a racing industry seminar at Sandown Park this year, is less than the cost of sponsoring one Formula One motor racing car for one season.

The key point is that cars race all over the world, while the historic insularity of British racing (in terms of attracting overseas owners and their horses) has always put off some major international brands from looking at our domestic racing with a view to spending part of their global marketing in sponsoring major

The paradox is that, particularly on the Flat, the Jockey Club and individual rececourses have, via the pattern system, a number of races which should be of international status, yet they manage to secure only a runner or two from France. An entry from Italy, Germany, the United States or Australia is a news event in

group one event, like the Sussex Stakes, run over a mile at the Glorious Goodwood meeting has to offer prize-money around £250,000. For seven years, Robert Sangster, via his Swettenham Stud, invested £750,000 in order to maintain the value of the race. In 1989, having seen most of his money end up in the pockets of his great rivals, the Arabs, he decided to cash his in. Not surprisingly, a new sponsor proved elusive to find and has

continued to be so. Rod Fabricius, the clerk of the course at Goodwood, admits he faces an increasingly difficult task in 1991. "There is no doubt that by having to call the race 'The XYZ Sussex Stakes' we are disadvantaged," he said. "The title has a perochial ring to it, and when compared to other high-profile sponsorships, £200,000 does seem a lot to spend on just

one race." It certainly does. Whitbread spends half that sum in allocating prize-money towards the Mackeson Gold Cup and the Whitbread Gold Cup, the bookends, of the National Hunt

Paul Vaughan, The sponsor-ship director of Whitbread, has carefully rationalised his allo-cated racing budget. "Whitbread is fortunate, in one respect, in that we have, through historical reasons, two terrific properties," be said. "Although Mackeson is still the market leader in the sweet stout market that market has declined dramatically since the The Zetland report and the withdrawal of the Aga Khan from Britain are the most recent blows to

the troubled racing industry. Nick Stewart looks

at a sport accused of failing to realise its commercial potential at a time of recession

"Our day at Cheltenham is the only real marketing support Mackeson now receives, and we have increased our sponsorship with the introduction of other beers in our range taking on other races on the card."

Vaughan is aware that National Hunt racing offers infinitely better value to a commercial sponsor than the Flat. "I looked at possibly sponsoring the St Leger last year, but declined, on the grounds that the handle, St Leger, was too prominent, and our name would often be left off," he said.

ut how would he feel if the race were named the Whitbread Classic? "Yes, well, I would have to consider it, but it won't happen," be said. "It may have to, since research suggests that racing has lagged behind other major domestic sports in not realising its poten-

tial in the business world." Ian Pithers, the marketing director of the Racecourse Association (RCA), the trade association for all 59 racecourses, is adamant that "the past 40 years of neglect is going to have a serious effect in the next few years. We have to offer not only the owner but particularly the racegoer better facilities."

"The extra money from SIS is helping towards this, but asking sponsors for large sums of money to attach their name to traditionally awkwardly titled races which cannot really deliver a return, is

going to become a real problem." Pithers has no brief to sell sponsorships, but the RCA backs up the efforts of the individual racecourses with a brochure on sponsorship, and a newcomer's guide to racing. Although most other major sports in Britain have marketing departments, racing has no central marketing base from which to sell the sport.

David Donald, the sponsorship racing consultant for Seagram and Whitbread, does not see that this is necessary. "Each course has its own needs, and companies who are interested in sponsoring also have particular requirements. It is a question of matching the sponsor's need to the right course, race and hospitality requirements. The racecourse managers are pretty good at promoting their own days and

key events." They are also prepared to spend large sums to attract sponsors. Fabricius spent £50,000 in marketing alone to sell the Sussex Stakes during 1990. He is now in meaningful dialogue with an

international company".

For all the problems that certain courses may have with difficult races in the pattern on the Flat, the forecast for sponsorship overall in racing does not appear all that gloomy.

Edward Gillespie, at Cheltenham, received many enquiries for the Champion Hurdle after the Bank of Ireland pulled out. Sandown Park replaced the Sears group, sponsors of its Spring Bank Holiday meeting, with a new face to racing, the UB group, which increased the sponsorship

t the Gimcrack dinner on Tuesday, Lord Hartington, the senior steward at the Jockey Club, will make what will hopefully prove a keynote speech, projecting the short and long-term future of the

He must be aware of the discrepancy that exists in the minds of the business community between National Hunt and Flat racing, in terms of perceived value in sponsorship terms. And yet it is the outwardly-rich rel-ative. Flat racing, which now seeks support from outside its own resources.

The answer to this particular problem is quickly identified. The pattern system has to be overhauled. This need not be to the detriment of the quality, but would encourage exclusivity and therefore more international involvement at the top level.

In addition, there are 1,150 racing fixtures in Britain, none of them run on Sundays. The betning meetings, so during the summer, midweek racing takes place during the afternoon when

most racegoers are at work. Racing in the 1990s has much to offer both the potential sponsor and the racegoer. In the main, the courses are run by sensible, entrepreneurial managers, who in some cases operate "with one hand tied behind our backs", as one senior member commented After all, it is they who see the crowds, the large fields for an innovative race or meeting, and it is they who have seen the changing face of commercial business when married to sport.

A few companies have felt the recession and have withdrawn; some contracts with particular races, which have achieved their aim, have ended.

Peter O'Sullevan, the BBC racing commentator, when asked if sponsorship and racing were beginning to fall out of bed: "The suggestion that sponsorship in racing is withering is unwarranted, inaccurate and from the point of view of the sport,

The key word is unhelpful. While certain courses enjoy fruitful partnerships with sponsors, there is, however, concern both inside and outside the industry that the future for certain types of races is clouded with difficulty. Racing's authorities need to address this area in bold and imaginative terms.

 Nick Stewart is the business development director for Michael Humphreys and Partners, a sports marketing agency.

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ISMIEM HOMICES ----

Llewellyn rides luck on late Gifford booking

By RICHARD EVANS

LADY Luck rivals the form book when it comes to winning and losing at the racing game. Ask Carl Liewellyn.
The Wantage-based jockey

did not have a ride in the opening race at Cheltenham yesterday until heavy traffic prevented Richard Rowe reaching the course in time to ride Bignor Hill. Llewellyn stepped into the breach and duly scored on the Josh Cifford-trained

The victory was his sixth in the past ten days - a stark contrast to his dismal fortunes over the past ten months.

A bad fall on Ben Head at Chepstow in February was the start of the bad times when luck deserted him. Hepatitis was diagnosed a few days later. diagnosed a few days later. On his return to the saddle in

March, he broke bones above his ankle after a full from Suncia at Market Rasen. He was sidelined until the end of August and on his second ride back ted an elbow while riding Dromina Star.

course Association, yesterday said: "I have visited the stable

yards at 50 member courses in the past 15 months and there is

while he regained race fitness and confidence, the tide turned, Today at Towcester, he rides

ber 27. "It is luck. I never thought it was fate. I picked up a winner today through luck. You can fail in front of 20 horses and get up and walk away one day; another time you fail, nothing kicks you but you break a hone. It is just luck."

John Kavanagh, aged 22, has also learnt about the highs and lows of National Hunt racing in England since moving to Lambourn from Ireland in August. On his first ride in this country, at Southwell on Octo-ber 13, he got no further than the

first fence and ended up very dazed following his fall. Yesterday, he tasted Cheltenham glory in the day's feature race, the Food Brokers Fisherman's Friend Chase. Master Bob has always been a rather mercurial character, whom Nicky Henderson believed benefited from being held up.

Llewellyn, aged 25, began his Advocating firm policing

of stable hygiene standards RESPONDING to criticism of standards of racecourse stable hygiene. Stanley Jackson, managing director of the Race-

simply not prepared to stand by and allow millions of pounds a year to be lost from the industry over this relatively insignificant He added: "We have made

nothing basically wrong with racecourse stable hygiene. Furn the strongest possible representations to the Jockey policing by the Jockey Club of Club on this issue. With the senior steward, Levy Board and the present instruction would ensure that the standards are Horserace Advisory Council reinforcing the view that we have a serious financial prob-"The RCA is the only organisation that has costed the changes that are being proposed and, lem, we feel it would be irresfrankly, they are horrendous and could not be borne by the ponsible to impose such a burden on our resources at this courses, particularly the smaller

young Irish jockey should lead from the front if there was not a strong pace early on in the £10,000 race.

The change of tactics transformed Master Bob and the partnership never looked like being caught. Having finished second to Arctic Call in the Hennessy. Timeform may have Cona Gien who provided him with his first winner on Novem-Hennessy, Timeform may have to revise its opinion that Master

Bob "isn't one to trust" and remove his squiggle. Trevor Hallett only has ten horses at his Saltash yard in west Comwall but Turnberry Dawn is proving to be a trail-blazer for the small trainer. Having won on the second day of the sesson, the former Irish point-to point winner recorded his sixth vic-tory from ten starts in the BMW

The race was won and lost at the sixteenth fence when the long-time leader, Okeetee, un-seated his rider. Topsham Bay, the evens favourite, also made a bad mistake, leaving Turnberry Dewn clear to gain an invalu-No holidays are in prospect

her eighth win from nine starts in the Charlton Kings Three-year-Old Novices Hurdle. The pony-sized filly has proved a bargain for Martin Pipe since being bought at the Ascot sales for 11,400gns in April. David Barons continued the success of West Country trainers

when South Pool put in a better jump than Royal Cracker at the last fence to win the Kineton Conditional Jockeys' Handicap

Racing next week WONDAY: Edinburgh, Warwick. TUESDAY: Sedgefield, Plumpton. WEDNESDAY: Haydock Park, Wor-THURSDAY: Haydook Park, Southwell (AW). FRIDAY: Catterick Bridge, SATURDAY: Ascot, Notting Edinburgh, Lingfield Park. Flat meetings in bold



RUGBY LEAGUE

Advantage favours Widnes

IT IS an unfortunate result of with internationals. The New the luck of the draw that Widnes and Leeds play each other in the second round of the Regal Trophy at Naughton Park this The match has aroused

considerable annovance in Widnes because it will be televised, which means that Widnes will have appeared on the small screen four times in the past five weeks. The compensation payment of £6,000 from the League has not placated Widnes, who would have anticipated a crowd of around 14,000 and much higher takings had the match been played with the other ties

However, the BBC cannot be blamed for selecting it, since it is the outstanding tie of the round, Widnes, with home advantage,

BOTH France and Australia

have made changes for the

second international here to-

morrow in which two World

Cup points will be at stake.

Those in the home side are being represented as a welcome

return to fitness of a clutch of

players absent from the defeat

last Sunday by 60 points to four.

rather than the clear-out it

appears.
The Australian coach, Bob

Fulton, has finally bowed to the

loss of form of Lauric Daley.

at centre. Into the starting line-

up for the first time in an

international on this tour.

comes Greg Alexander, who only failed to get on the field

and Dale Shearer takes his place

Zealander, John Gallagher, is improving every week, and a purple patch by the visitors could bring a welcome boost to Leeds, who have been too often the bridesmaids in recent trophy

famed giant-killers, will anticipate taking the scalp of St Heleas at Post Office Road, particularly since they are strengthened by the return after injury of Bibb, Clark and Grayshop St Heleas will have Graysbon. St Helens will have their international centre. Loughlin, back in action, and the forward. Forber, is available after being cleared of an alleged high tackle by the disciplinary

There is a traditional derby at Castleford, where the vasily-improved Wakefield Trinity are

From a Special Correspondent in Perpignan

Bob Lindner's return to the

forwards means that David

Gillespie is relegated to the

France bring back Gui

Delaunay, Jean-Bernard Saumitou and Thierry

Buttignol, and promote Patrick Marginet and Marc Tisseyre from the bench, but the side announced is still a hotch potch.

its final composition depending

Positional changes take David Fraisse from stand-off half to full back, and Jacques

Moliner from loose forward to

Desperate situations call for

scoring 95 points.

substitutes' bench.

on late fitness tests.

take over from Fraisse.

peared in all four matches so far, French changes smack more of

Australia

the visitors, and this match could so either way.

At first glance the tie at Odsal should be one-way traffic by Beadford Northern to the Bramley line. However, Bradfortunate penalty goal of losing to the second-division club. Workington Town, last week, and lowly Bramley fancy their chances. "We are going there to win," the captain, Andy Tim-

Doncaster, who play Rochdale Hornets, have the best chance of a second-division club of overturning a first-division side, but Batley and the near-bankrupt Leigh will almost certainly go out against Oldham and Warrington respectively. Wigan, the holders, will surely have no difficulty running up Reward for consistent Alexander

despair. The coach, Jacques Jorda, has called for "a com-

mando spirit" from his men. He will need a battation or two of

the Foreign Legion in reserve if those World Cup points are not

to be claimed in style by

Australia.
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ent, G Lazarus (Conborn)

STUDENT SPORT

Colleges score rare win

By MIKE LAMB

THE British Colleges rugby league side recorded its first win over the Universities Athletic Union (UAU), at Salford though the 27-2 scoreline did not reflect the closeness of play. The success of the colleges was built around their playmakers, Andy Rice, Ian Simpson and Mark Calverley, of West London, the captain continually brought their big and mobile forwards into the game at pace, opening gaps for centres Rick Hodson, of North Cheshire, and Sean Forward, of

Chris Caws, of Bedford, played a classic loose-forward game in attack and defence and ian Kryztofiak, of West London, the man of the match, gave a formidable performance, consistently breaking down the

defence.
The UAU had a number of near musses but could never quite make the breakthrough against a colleges side that tackled and covered magnifi-

 The British students (BSSF) boxing championships take place iomorrow at Bath Univer-sity, with Andrew McGann, of Portsmouth Polytechnic, defending his light-welterweight title. Elliott Giuralarocca, of Oxford University, who won at featherweight last year, moves up to lightweight. Reigning polytechnic men's bockey champions. Thames, beat Kingston 4-1 on Wednes-day to reach this year's quarter-

finals. Sheffield trounced Sunderland 6-0.

Faulkner is ready to return

case Havant will hold a one

point advantage over Houns-low, who face Teddington today

and Isca tomorrow with no

Bromley, after recent victories over East Grinstead and

Stourport, will be handscapped by the absence of Cross, who has

Southgate, fourth from the

injury problems.

DAVID Faulkner, who recently returned from Melbourne with a shoulder injury, has been responding well to treatment at Bournemouth FC and could still play for Havant this weekend in the Poundstretcher National League, according to the team manager, Dave Whittle.
"David had a good report

after his last visit to the physio-therapist and there is more than an even chance that he will play, possibly on Sunday, though not at full back where we have a settled situation." Whatle said. Colin Cooper, who played last week against Isca has had a recurrence of ankle trouble and is extremely doubtful for the matches against St Albans today and Slough tomorrow. The leaders. Indian Gym-khans, could be overhauled by

match against Neston tomorrow. Both their rivals have two home matches which could

a back injury, for away matches against Southgate and Welton, bottom of the table but not both Havant and Hounslow even if they win their away

expecting to stay there, will be without Kerly who has gone to Malaysia to play for Europe in the inter-continent tourname But they are expecting to have an easy win tomorrow against Wakefield. St Albans, going through a testing time, will travel on from Havant for their game against East Grinstead lomorrow at Horsham. The northern challenge in the

first division has faded with Neston tenth and Wakefield and Welton at the bottom. Welton

bring them six points, in which have gone six matches without a point, which is surprising with such outstanding players at Stamp, Wake, Sheardown and Moat in the side. They face a formidable task at bome tomorrow against Bromley. In tomorrow's second di-

vision matches the leaders. Cambridge City, might not have matters all their own way against Guildford at Cranleigh School while Doncaster can expect a tough game at Southampton against Trojans who, in time, could make life uncomfortable for the leaders with Paul Tubb and Michael Aspin in splendid form.

Surbiton, with eight Express London League, are expected to take full points from Parley today and stay on top. In nine matches they have scored 50 goals. Molloy has contrib-uted 17 of them, Jolly 14 and

JUDO

Brown seeks old place in the sun

KERRITH Brown, banned for two years after being tested positive for drugs at the Olympic Games in Scoul, sets out to complete his comeback today by winning the British champ-London - and thereby accumulate sufficient ranking points to win a place, as a humble No. 4 light-middleweight, on the national squad (Nicolas Soames writes).

But that is all he needs to teturn to the international circust. With the European champonships and the world championships next year, it is well

Brown is aware, however, it is not as simple as that, for he faces opposition from within the British judo and Olympic move-ment. "I know there are people who do not want me to come back. But I have been away for two years and now I just want to compete again to the best of my

After his extraordinary performance in the Fox's Masters in Wolverhampton last month, when he won his own category and also the lightheavyweight, Ray Stevens, for apport to win the Open, it is difficult to see anyone causing him problems today

Only David Southby, the Commonwealth Games champion, and formally ranked No. 1, could possibly stop Brown gaming the maximum ranking points he needs. But Southby, who lost to Brown in Wolverhampton, is not compet-ing because he has enough ranking points.

If Brown makes the squad as No. 4, he will not be guaranteed competitions abroad. Arthur Mapp, the British men's team manager, could give the plum events to Southby, and simply ignore Brown despute his ob-

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Golden chance for Al Hashimi

(MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

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THOSE who fancy Al Hashimi's chance of winning the A F Budge Gold Cup at Cheltenham today, as I do, would be well advised to check that Pendennis has already won the Envopak Handicap Chase at Lingfield

For the knowledge of a Pendennis victory would bol-ster the belief that Al Hashimi can land the Cheltenham feature, in the hands of Richard Dunwoody.

Time may show that Al Hashimi was facing an impossible task at Newbury last month when he was asked to give 16lb to Pendennis.

The fact that he finished 20 lengths ahead of the third showed just how hard he tried when going down by 21/2 his opposition today. Allengths, As Al Hashimi had though both Katabatic and won easily at Worcester the Clever Folly scored resoundtime before, the reason for that Newbury defeat was the last season, Clever Folly when magnitude of his task rather he collected on the corres-



Mitchell: high hopes for Coworth Park

I expect Katabatic, Clever Folly, Cuddy Dale and Pin's sure Novices' Chase. Pride to form the nucleus of ing victories at Cheltenham ponding occasion, I still feel the Mercury Communications

Last time out, Coddy Dale was breathing down the necks of Pegwell Bay and Comandante at the end of a memorable race at Huntingdon, while Pin's Pride staged a spectacular comeback at Folkestone, having not run since beating Blueberry King over today's course and distance 18 months earlier.

Al Hashimi could be the cornerstone of a four-timer for Dunwoody who will be on the unbeaten Tyrone Bridge in the A F Budge Novices Hurdle as well as Remittance Man, who surely has to put in only a clear round to win the Charterhouse Mercantile Lei-Later, Al Hashimi's stable

companion Another Coral looks good enough to win the George Stevens Handicap In going for Al Hashimi to win the big race at Chelten-As Bokero will also be after a \$100,000 bonus contesting

that Cuddy Dale and Pin's Hurdle for the Sport of Kings collect again at Lingfield now Pride could prove more challenge, you can bet your that he will be carrying his dangerous.

Challenge, you can bet your that he will be carrying his bottom dollar that his trainer correct handicap weight since Charlie Brooks will have him the weights have risen 18lb overnight.

spot on for the occasion. Following that good run The bonus is on offer for a horse winning at Belmont against Pegwell Bay at Park in the United States, as Huntingdon, Comandante he did in October, and at (12.30) looks the banker on the Surrey.

The danger looks to be Villa. At Doncaster, Peter Niven has obvious prospects of land-ing a treble on Mr Woodcock Recos, who ran with great promise on his seasonal debut (12.40), Laurie-O (1.10), and in the race won by Deep Sensation at Warwick. Pearl Prespect (2.40).

Deep Sensation himself However, Yorkshire Holly, contests the Charles Heidsieck Niven's mount in the Con-Champagne Bula Hurdle carstant Security Hurdle, looks likely to be beaten by Coworth lier in the programme, Much Park, who my nap. Yorkshire Holly and Eastern Oasis are as I admire him, I cannot envisage him beating either Beech Road or Past Glories. handicapped to run a dead-Although the conditions of heat on their Ayr running. Yesterday, Philip Milchell, today's race certainly favour the latter, I still prefer Beeck

who trains Coworth Park, Road, who should strip even fitter for that win first time out reported that the current fast ground is essential for his horse, who beat Catch The Cross (a winner three times since) so easily at Ascot, prior ham, I am of course inferring to running well there in the that Pendennis (1.30) can race won by Morley Street.

is delayed ANDY Turnell will wait until

after the Charterhouse Mercantile Leisure Novices' Chase

cantile Leisure Novices' Chase (12.50) is run at Cheltenham today before making a decision on the participation of his Haydock winner Katabatic in the A F Budge Gold Cup.

Turnell said: "I have every intention of running Katabatic, provided we get the amount of tain which is forecast. But if there is still good to firm patches on the course, he is unlikely to on the course, he is unlikely to

The decision will be made after the first chase has been run and I would advise puniers to only back him after that."
David Barons reports that his Playschool will only run in the Constant Security Handican Chase at Doncaster if there is overnight rain.

The sponsors report good support for Boraceva, 11-2 from 13-2, and Bonanza Boy, 6-1 from 8-1, for the Coral Welsh Grand National at Chepstow on December 22. Other prices: 4-1 Carrick Hill Lad, 7-1 Cool Ground, 12-1 Arctic Call, 14-1

Katabatic Weather governs decision Carvill's Hill run

From Our Irish RACING CORRESPONDENT, DUBLIN

CARVILL'S Hill makes his into second behind Nick The gets the go-ahead following an early morning inspection. There was a light covering of snow on the track yesterday and the main threat now is an overnight frost.

For the first time in his career Carvill's Hill is set to carry colours other than those of the Morrows, who sold their halfshare to the Jersey-based owner Paul Green during the summer.

Carvill's Hill's trainer Jim Dreaper, for whom the handling of his stable star has been something of a nightmane because of a succession of injuries, walked the Punchestown circuit from start to finish on Thursday evening to make sure there would be sufficient cut in the ground.

"I have not been able to give him as comprehensive a preparation as I would have wished

seasonal reappearance in the Brief in the Vincent O'Brien Durkan Brothers international Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown EBF Punchestown Chase this in February and did not run afternoon, provided the meeting again in the interim.

His six rivals have between them won 28 chases and while the best recent form is held by Blitzkreig and Larchmont, the latest irish handicaps indicate that at today's weights the danger to Carvill's Hill will come from Belsir, whose most recent victory came on the Flat at Listowel in September.

A victory for Carvill's Hill, giving away a stone to Belsur, would certainly put him on the road to a Cheltenham Gold Cup challenge next spring.

• Vulrory's Clown collected his fifth race at Doncaster, and his thirteenth in all, when leading throughout in yesterday's Red Alligator Handicap Chase, Owen Brennan's 12-year-old probably owed his success to the demise of 13-8 favounte Dalkey for this race but he has to start somewhere," Dreaper said yesterday. Carvill's Hill was beaten going easily in second place, Sound, who unscated his rider four fences from home when

CHELTENHAM

Selections By Mandarin

12.15 Tyrone Bridge. 12.50 Remittance Man.

1.25 Beech Road.

2.00 Al Hashimi. 2.35 Bokaro. 3.10 Another Coral.

Michael Seely's selection: 200 Pin's Pride

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1.40 Yorkshire Holly. 2.40 PEARL PROSPECT (nap).

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BETTING: 7-2 Coworth Park, 4-1 Eastern Olasis, 9-2 Yorkshire Holly, 6-1 Miles Mill, 8-1 Green Steps, BETTING: 7-2 Coworth Park, 4-1 Domarc. 20-1 Outlier L'Ennur, 33-1 Bickermain.

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2.35 MERCURY COMMUNICATIONS HURDLE RACE (FOR THE SPORT OF KINGS CHALLENGE) (£14,740: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

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3.10 GEORGE STEVENS HANDICAP CHASE (£5,840: 2m) (4 runners)

BETTING: 2-1 Another Coral, S-4 Master Rain, 5-2 Deep Flesh, 7-2 Green Willow 1982 NORMANDEN 2-10-11 F Marky (5-1) M H Easterby 3 IN

LAS NEWENT HANDICAP HURDLE (\$5,208; 2m 4f) (7 runners) 2 192-194 COMORTH PARK 22 (D.F.G.B) (in Canada).
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4 42211 CATON THE CROSS 7 (N.C.D.F.S) (S Pros) M Pipe 4-19-12.
5 2211-FP MOSSIGARA 16 (D.G.S) (Mrs. E-Richims) Mrs. J Poisso 6-10-8.
6 1211-FP COMBERGETE 11 (D.G.S) (J.J.Dospn) R Prost 6-10-6.

emp: Tingio 9-0. & Coworth Park lass a first professor in the 1.40 Day METTING: 5-2 Catch The Cross, 7-2 Mosegers, 4-1 Combernars, 5-1 Windbound Lass, 7-1 Stage

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Guide to our in-line racecard

Racecers number. Six-ligure form (F - tell. distance winner. BF - beaten favourite in least rock). Going on which horse has won (F - time, good to firm, hard. G - good. D - disqualified). Horse's hame. Days S = Soit, good to soit, heavy). Owner in annoe last outing: F if flet. (S = biniters. S = Soit, good to soit, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider of the property of the course witner. D - distance winner. CD - course and therefore is sing.

1 611-110 MR PRISK 14 (CD,F,Q,S) (Mrs H J Dufley) K Balley 11-12-0 Mr M Armylingo 2 /2/PP-SF PLAYSCHOOL 7 (CD,F,Q,S) (Mrs P Cocke) D Berons 12-11-7 B Powell 3 13-22F3 STAY ON TRACKS 7 (C,F,Q,S) (P Play) W A Stophurson 6-10-10 A Morrigum 4 232/PUO HANDY TRICK 14 (D,F,Q,S) (J Herreon) J Hanson 9-10-4 Plays 5 14/100- JELJPE 231 (D,F,Q,S) (R Sandys-Clarks) R Sandys-Clarks 6-10-2 Mr N Sandys Clarks 6-10-2 Mr N FORM FOCUS MR FRISK 10th of 13 appearance. Top class performer in 1967/66 seasons and the first of the first in the same in the first in the same in the first in the same in the first in the first in distance at Ascot (3m., good to firm), with HANCY TRICK (3b pages of) held half when unseeding its now 3 out, PLAYSCHOOL 9 3 and to Von Candeck on Worcester (3m 5/, good) re-

2.40) SEA PIGEON HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,590; 2m 150yd) (7 runners)

BETTING: 6-4 Pearl Prospect, 4-1 Leigh Boy, 5-1 Chreston, 11-2 Alleiner Reic, 6-1 M I Babe, 14-1 The THE TERRITO 6-11-4 G McCourt A Turnel - reduct over

FORM FOCUS LEIGH BOY beet Ty 161 at 2010 Street Province of the College Growler at Uncomer (2m, good) on the College Growler at Uncomer (2m, good) at 2010 Sear Indian India 3.10 FREEBOOTER MOVICES CHASE (£3,655: 2m 150yd) (6 runners)

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8 BAGACITY 14 (K. Bridges) J. Leigh 4-11-0 L. O'Herrs (3)
8 BECOND COUSIN 14 (D. Harrel) R. Holling 5-11-0 S. D. Williams (7)
90 FAST (Miss. S. Hall) Miss. S. Hall 4-11-0 S. D. Williams (7)
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91 TASMAN OAK SE (A. Sacrosti) Mrs. S. Ollver 4-11-0 T. Praintets (9)
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92 LIRCCA (Mrs. C. Bloom) A. J. Wilson 4-11-0 B. O'Downd (7)
91 WINAT'S THAT (R. Escaley) R. Escaley 4-11-0 B. Courtney (7)
92 NO. WAIT SORRY (Avanouses Cricial Club) O Sherwood 4-11-0 A. S. Sanch (7)
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LINGFIELD PARK

Selections By Mandarin

12.30 Comandante. 1.0 Oh So Risky. 1.30 Pendennis. 2.0 Whats The Crack. 2.30 Stone Flake. 3.0 Dara Doone.

Going: good (new turf on Eack straight, firm) 12.20 ARLINGTON PREMIER SERIES CHASE

(Qualifier: £3,590: 2m 4f) (4 runners) 1 BUFB CODIAGE 14 (F) R Johnson Houchton 7-11-7
Iff G Johnson Houghten
2 2-22 COMMODANTE 11 (D.F.G.S.) J Ghrors 8-11-7.
3 59-4 Wink GULLIVER 14 (F.S.) D Boworn 5-11-7.
4 62-2 CERTAIN STYLE 21 (D.G.S.) O Shorwood 7-11-4

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1.30 ENVOPAK HANDICAP CHASE (£10,382: 3m)

2 126- ROWLANDSONG JEWELS 315 (D.BF.F.O.D) 3 11-2 SOCKLANDS EXPRESS 14 (D.F.O.D) A Tory (F) 4 P-ME SHEAKAPENNY 12 (C,G,E) M Wildmoon B-10-

5 231 PENDERGES 18 (F.O.S) N Henderson 7-10-5 ... J White 2-1 Pandennie, 9-4 Oocttends Express, 3-1 Envope Token, 11-2 Rowlandsons Jewells, 12-1 Sneekappenny.

TOWCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin 12.45 Singlesole. 1.15 True Loop. 1.50 Susan Henchard. 2.20 Cona Gien. 2.50 Hope Dramond.

Going: good to firm 12.45 LONGWATER NOVICES HURDLE (Div 1: 21,772: 2m 5f 28yd) (11 runners)

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1-88 - Bally Parks 5-10-10 - 10-10-10 - 10-10

7-4 Express Reals, 7-2 Clive Park, 9-2 Midnight Miss, 6-1 placels, 7-1 West Ender, 12-1 De Profunds, 16-1 others. 1.15 WATERHALL NOVICES CHASE (£2,210: 2m 5f 110yd) (11)

3-1 True Loop, 11-4 Fighting Jessics, 9-2 Sheaphaven, 6-1 Hard To Live, 19-1 Crafty Copper, What A To Do, 14-1 others. Course specialists

JOCKEY8: J Bhorts, 4 winners from 15 rides, 26.7%; A Adams, 3 from 12. 25.0%, K Mooney, 18 from 90, 22.5%, R Goldstein, 8 from 30, 20.0%; D Styrms, 3 from 22, 13 6%, S McNedi, 11 from 50, 11.6%.

 Alan Merrigan and Scamus O'Neill were taken to Doncaster's Royal Infirmary after falls at the Yorkshire course yesterday. Merrigan suffered a suspected broken left collarbone and O'Neill

20 LOWNDES LAMBERT DECEMBER NOVICES CHASE (Grace II: £11,560: 3m) (7)

5 58-3 PRINCE KLENK 7 (D.F.G.S) & Davison 9-11-0 0 Months
6 SPARKLING FLAME 'N Nerderson 6-11-0 ... J. 17-17-0
7 2-12 WHATS THE CRACK 24 (D.G) Mills in Kingri 7-17-0
8 Counting

11-4 Southerty Buster, 7-2 Whats The Crack, 9-2 Killbanoi Le Chai Nori, 6-1 Senator Of Romo, 12-1 others.

2.30 GROUP HANDICAP HURDLE (\$5,117: 2m) (6)

5 14-3 (EFT) 21 (D.F.S.) D Grigorii 5-10-2 ... Harwey H Davies 5 8-05 SMARPGIJN 42 (D.S) V 10urg 4-10-0 ... J Asseture 8 Alldoor Rex has a first prefurence on the 2-30 of Denominary 9-4 Stone Plane, 5-2 Wishon, 3-1 Keto, 15-2 Gull Planen, 10-1 Sharpguri.

(£2,448: 2m) (10)

1 0-23 SIAPREME DEALER 17 (RP) J GHORD 6-12-D G Rowe (?) 2 20-0 ROSBIE BURNS 17 A Smyth 6-11-8 J Duborne 3 4-41 DARA BOONE 11 (D.G) R ALPHURS 4-11-3 L Morrey 4 53P2 SECRET SURBHIT 31 (3) A Moory 4-10-13 L O Moors 5 2424 WELSH COMMANDER 17 (C) G Greeny 7-10-12 E 444 IEDGD FOR THE NOSES 27 M McCormick 4-10-6 C Car

Course specialists

TRADIERS: D Murray Smith, 5 winners from 15 runners, 93.3%; R Aughurs: 16 from 56, 22 1%, J Grippid 16 from 100, 18.2% G Becomp, 6 from 67, 17.0%, D Grassell, 5 from 36, 16.7%, K Smithy, 3 from 16, 16.7%. JOCKEYS: J White 6 winners from 26 rides, 23 1% H Davins, 17 from 92, 18,5%, M Ahem, 5 from 29, 17 2% (Only qualifyers).

DLE (£1,800; 2m) (13)

3.20 Upton Park.

TRANSERS: J Joseph, 4 winners from 15 runners, 30.8%; N Gasales, 8 from 52, 15.4%, G Berding, 13 from 94, 13.5%, Mrs I McGe, 5 from 41, 12.2%; T Fonser, 17 from 146, 11.8%; J Giftord, 13 from 115, 11.3%.

4 3/11 SOUTHERLY SUSTER 15 (D.P) O Sherwood ?-

4 1F/ GULF PALACE 42F (0,5) R Akefurat 5-10-3

3.0 MURASPEC NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

9 250F AL SIGET 11 V Young 6-10-4 J Abelians 10 -640 BRODERSE ANGLAISE 22 J Proper 6-10-1 ... 5 Marchy 5-2 Colorse Cranstrep, 3-1 Dars Ocone. 4-1 Briery Filia, 8-1 Supreme Dealer, 8-1 Al Skeet, Secret Summit, 12-1 others.

1.50 BROADWATER SELLING HANDICAP HUR-

1 20-1 BUSAN HENCHARD 10 (D,C) Vi Sameciough 6-11-10

5-2 Sussn Henchard, 4-1 Medium Teylor 5-1 Swiss Pro-cess, 7-1 Remirod, Asbeeb, 10-1 Highland Leinz, 12-1 others, 2.20 WELL TO DO CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap

chase: £2,343. 3m 190yd) (5) 1 43-P RYMER KING 18 (F.C.E) J Charp 5 11-10 J Shorts 2 8141 FARRLEA BOY 11 (D.F.G.6) G Salating 10-11-7 S Hadgeon (7) 3 6-FF DERRY GOWAN 24 (B.D.F.G.8) G Thorner 6-11-5 Pales 4 3-P1 CONA GLEN 11 (O.E) T Forsier 9-10-4...... C Lieuwilyn 5 SZUU DANOY MINETRIEL 7 (F.G.S) & Wilmens 8-10-4

BETTING: 5-4 Farmles Boy, 7-4 Cons Glen, 6-1 Dandy strel, 15-1 Rymer King, 20-1 Demy Gowen, 2.50 DEER PARK HANDICAP CHASE (52,616: 2m

1 U-52 GOING DETS TOUGH & (F) G Beiding 7-11-10

2 323- NOPE DIAMOND 253 (B.S) N Gaseles 7-(1-10 & Actes 8 601- RGCR SAINT 289 (C.O.C.S) & Gargeon (3-11-5 J RESSE 4 1342 BEECH PARK 15 (D,BF,F) D Nicholson 5-10-7 F Bellamy (3) 5 8/2 ISAAC NEWTON 14 (F) New S Armytage 12-10-0 Geo Art 6 464 GENERAL MERCHANT ISA (8,G,S) FI HOSpes 10 10-0 7 3-12 THE FRUIT 22 (F) R Ledger 11-10-0 Mrs N Ledge

3.20 LONGWATER NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,772: 2m 5t 26yd) (12) 3 50 GLOWE PUPPET 49 G Baiding 5-10-10 ___ 8 Foster (7)
4 30-4 GOLDEN SONATA 8 M RUDGETOR 5-10-10... W INVINE
5 60-6 INCH CMATEAU 23 J Spearing 5-10-10... A Wester
6 4460 PVCCHIRCH 7 J Joseph 1-10-10... D Styres (3)
7 53-4 MURPHY'S MAN 11 (8F) 0 Nicholson 6-10-10

2-1 Hope Diamond, 4-1 Going Gets Tough 9-2 Beach Park,

9-4 Upton Park, 3-1 Murphy's Man, 4-1 The Grey Borsen, 7-1 Full Speed Ahead, 10-1 Ab-Mar-Hel, 14-1 otners.

Results from yesterday's three meetings Doncaster Cheltenham Golng: good to firm Colors good to firm 12.30 (2m 11 hole) 1. Femille (D Less. 9-4); 2, Lauden (5-4 tav.); 3, Archectow (14-1); 7 ran. 1); 81 H Winting Tone £3.30, £1.50, £1.50, DF; £2.40, CSF: £5.54.

12.55 (2m 41 hole) 1, EIGNOR HILL (C Llewellyn, 11-4 j-tav), 2, Dicate's Glin (K Jones, 7-22; 3, Pelar Visiden (M Perrupt, 4-1), ALSO RAN: 11-4 g-tav Purpte Point (Sm), 7 Less Shower (pu), 33 Adelsure (4m), 6 ran, 34, 71, 251, 71, 12 (fifter) at Findon, Totas: 83,70; 82,00, 82,00, DF-27 sa ASS, P11 72

1.18 (2m ch) 1. SOUTH POOL (N Hawke, 11-2; 2, Royel Cracker (A Juckes, 9-4 tay); 3, Bed Trade (A Larnach, 7-2) ALSO RAN 7-2 Beau Guest (B, 8 Inoperatin (4m), 33 Deep Ratige (5th): 6 ran. NR, Moe Greene. 5t. 12, 201, 201. D Barons at Kngstridge. Tota: 27.30; 22.10, 21.80. DF: 27.30, CSF: 216.53. 1.45 (2m Indie) 1. HOPSCOTCH (J Lower, 2.5 in Third Hamboody, 2-1; setting); 3. Accesse Sun (R Dunwoody, 2-1; 3. Feet Toe Loud (A Adams, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Capability Brown (4m), 40 They All Forgot Me (5m) 5 can. 30; 3. %1, 201. M Pipe at Wellington, Toes: £1.40; £1.10, £1.70, DF: £2.50, CSF: £4.63.

(A Web), 8-1); 2. Topetern Bay (H Davies, Evens tay), 3. Clear Call (N Williamson, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Desette (url. 9 Speech (url. 100 Brashfort (put. 6 ran. NR, Cusen's Bay Lad. 8i, dist. T Hellert at Sanash. Toes: 27 (0; 22.00, 21.20, UF-27 en CSP. 215.48

2.55 (Ibn 11 ch; 1, MASTER BOB (J. Kerangh, 7-2); 2, Seegrem (A. Greene, 8-1); 3, Naudical Joke (Ibn K. Johnson, 14-1). ALSO (AAN 9-4 lins Sem Da Vinci (Sm); 4 Golden Minstrie (Hay), 13-2 Ace Of Spes (Bm); 20 Rare Bid (I), 7 ran. 12; 2%), 6); %), 13. In Henderson at Lambourn. Tous: 6-20; 52.00; 52.00. (SF: 20.0).

3.30 (3m hide) 1 BANKEP'S GOSSP (R Durwoody 5-2 ting, 2, Brockune Grey (M Duryer, 4-1); 3, Flying Dancer (J O'Gorssen, 20-1) ALSO RAN' 3 Sn Crusty (Sin), 5 Squire Jim (Bri), 6 Aut Eye 25 Look Liveth (49), 53 Train Accord 8 ran. 8, 3%1, nd, 2, 51. D Nicroson as Sovi-On-the-Wold, Tose; 53. 10, 21-90, 51.20, 62, 70. DE: 57.70, CSF 512.28, Tricast 5143,64. deciront: £9.055.50, (Pool of £9,790.84 Cerned forward Challesham Michael

January, 1991.

12.30 (3m 122yd hdie) 1. HINARI SUN-RISE (S.J.O'Neill, 5-4 (t-fav), 2. Gentino (J. A. Harris, 3-1); 3. Latenano (S. Kangniev, 5-4 t-fav), 2. Tan. 51, 251. J. Macke at Church Brougman, Tote: £2.30. DF: £2.80. CSF:

1.0 (2m 150yd ch) 1, VALENTINOS JOY (P Miggley, 2-1); 2, Newmarket Sausage (J Callaghan, 25-1); 3, Piedta Dence (Gery Lyona, 5-2), ALSO RAN 11-8 Iar-Hard Stuff (f) enn 21, 81 G Oldroyd 4 Magnon, Tota, 23,00, DF, 28,10, CSF, \$19,85. Tons. É3.00, DF. 28.10, CSF. E19.85.

1.20 (2m 150yd hgla) 1, RAWAAN (M Hill, Evens lav), 2, Clided Peat (5 Woods, 8-1), 3, French House (6 J O Nedi, 4-1).

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Barcham (5m), 8 Lahladio (4m), 14 Good Session, 16 Waveney Girl (8m), 33 Darhond Sarph, 50 Lotin Al Me Nove (pu). Brachen Bay (pu), Mrs Sumer, My Lindeanné. 12 ran. NP. Muscadine. 2, 71, 3%1, 101, 1%1, N Triviler at Matton. Tons: £2 10, £1 20, £1 10, £1 80.

DF: £18.00. CSF: £10.89. Bought in 4,600gns.

4,600prs.
2.0 (2m 4f ch) 1. VULROWY'S CLOWN (M Brannan, 5-1); 2. I Like in A Lot (W McFarland, 7-2); 3. Trippoler Chartse (A Metrigan, 13-2). ALSO RAN. 13-8 tav Dalkey Sound (ur), 6 Worthy Knight (4th), 25 Mists, 01 Time (f). 50 Ebony Swell (bu). 7 rsn. 7, 31, 21. O Brednan as Newstri. Toxs: 05.80; 52.80, 52.30. DF: 53.90. CSF: 52.50. 2.30 (2m 41 hdle) 1, GREAT MILL (FLow-rence, 4-1); 2, Kalendos (M HJ, 1-2 lav); 3, One For Tim Boys (F Murtagh, 8-1) ALSO RAN; Kalalee (4th), 4 ran 261, 3/41, 3/4.

Barley at Upper Lambourn, Total: \$4.60. DF: Et 70. CSF: £5.12. Un: ET 70. CSF: DS 12.

3.0 (3m 122yd cn) 1, THE MELROY (J. Osborne, 8-11 fey) 2, Cos Lane (S. Turner,
100-30), 3, hed Reuser (Annerte Bilany,
33-1) ALSO RAN: 100-30 Eastern Minstrel (f) a ran Drist, dist. O Sherwidd at
Upper Lambourn. Tuse. £1.50. DF, £2.30.

3.00 (2m 150yo fiet) 1, KARENDA (W Dwan, 5-1); 2, Cowgate Fourtain (R Hooges, 11-10 fier); 3, Mount Alley (J Corriel), 12-1), ALSO RAN: 11-4 Archic Bloom, 14 Mandalay Mass (5th), 201-berly, 16 Rochestown Lass (4th), 20 Kimsloos, Ocean Goer (8th), 33 Maid OI Fife, Mothers Day Mago: 11 ran Ho. 5; 3, 8, 20, Jimny Fitzgerard at Malton, Total 55.30, 51.80, 51.50, 52.50. DF: 55.60.

2.35 (2m 11 ch) 1. Rostray (Mr M Armytage, 11-10 la/t, 2, Kelyam (2-1); 3, Miss Fern (5-1), 6 ran, 15t, 41 S. Medor. Tote 11.70, 11.10, 11.50, DF, (2.30, CSF) 3.5 (2m 11 hds) 1, Trutem (B Powell, 5-11: 2, Cettc Bob (14-1), 3, Iama Zuiu (5-4 tav), 11 ran. 21, 21. Mrs J Remer, Tota: 58-40; 22: 10, 52:80, 52:90, DF: £75.90, CSF: £89.93, Trucast £143.21. RACELINE OOD VO. 0898 1684 UNGHELD PARK DONCASTER TOWCESTER RISH 149
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1.0 (2n 11 hdbs) 1, Norman Conqueror (S Smith Eccies, 8-11 fbv), 2, Hairy Mac (5-1). 3. Come On Toby (25-1), 15 ran, 51, 31 T Thomson Jones, Tote; £1 90; £1.10, £2.10, £5.80, DF, £4.70 CSF, £6.07.

1.30 (3m 11 ch) 1, Flying God (S Burrough, 7-2); 2, Toulshed (15-2), 3, Cantons (12-1), irish Lorg 7-4 gav 9 can 7, nk. J Baker, Tote, E5,60, §1 70, E3,20, §2,20, DF; £24,80, CSF, £26,41, Thouse (4).

2.5 (2m 11 hdle) 1, Mister Byblos (S: Burrough, 11-2), 2, PrimaBor (5-4 lav), 3, Sminger Shi(11-2) 8 ran 3, 20 J Saker. Toms. Es.50; E1.50, E1.40, E1.50. QF: E5.10. CSF, E13.13.

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Executive Editor David Brewerton

Wickes reworks loan deals

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

WICKES, the timber and doit-yourself group, has renegotiated its loan agreements with its bankers to avoid breaching the covenants on interest cover. The group, whose shares have fallen from more than 120p in October to 66p, has gearing estimated at 275 per cent and interest cover of less than two times.

Henry Sweetbaum, the group's chairman and chief executive, said that Wickes had not actually breached any covenants but had been in danger of doing so. "We took the necessary action to avoid that," he said. Some £110 million of debt has been repaid over the past two years and the debt repayment schedule remains unchanged.

Mr Sweethaum revealed that trading had deteriorated and the group would not make a profit in the second half. The first-half pre-tax profit was £6.09 million. Analysts had been expecting profits of up to £16 million for the full year. Neil Currie and Tony Shiret at Laing & Cruickshank have highlighted the problems at Hunter Timber and downgraded twice in recent months to £12 million for the year, but said that that estimate looked too high in the light of the trading statement from

Mr Sweetbaum said the United Kingdom market for timber products had deteriorated further since September. "The group's Hunter Timber and Malden Timber subsidiaries have accelerated their rationalisation and cost reduction programmes. Although this action should materially improve the trading position of these businesses in 1991, Hunter Timber will now make a loss for 1990 and as a result the Wickes Group is not expected to be profitable during the second half." he said.

He added that the Wickes retail business continues to trade well and is showing likefor-like growth in its UK stores. The retail profits will be ahead in 1990.

Wickes bought Hunter from Hillsdown Holdings for £283 million in September 1988. The deal appeared to make a lot of sense for the group but in retrospect the timing could not have been worse. Hunter's main customers are the housebuilders who are suffer ing badly in the recession.

THE POUND.

US dollar 1.9510 (+0.0120) German mark 2.8806 (+0.0066) Exchange index 93.5 (-0.1)

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major changes Page 34 INTEREST RATES

Major Indices and

London: Bank Base: 14% 3-month Interbank 13%-134% 3-month eligible bills:12**** US: Prime Rate 10% Federal Funds 7*6% 3-month Treasury Eds 6.89-6 88%* **CURRENCIES**

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Fed eases US rates on fears over recession

By GEORGE SIVELL, LONDON, and SUSAN ELLICOTT, WASHINGTON

THE Federal Reserve, lower the discount rate, America's central bank, eased interest rates slightly yesterday after an increase in unemployment to a three-year high raised fears that the recession there will be deeper than the expected short sharp shock.

In London, the Bank of England issued, for the third consecutive Friday, a signal to the money markets that base rates must remain at 14 per cent for the next two weeks.

Dealers at the Federal Reserve signalled an easing by injecting \$1.5 billion of funds at 7,25 per cent, an effective cut in the federal funds rate from 7.5 per cent. There was still uncertainty whether the Fed would move quickly to

another key rate, which is now at 7 per cent.

The discount rate the Fed charges on loans to banks has not been changed since February 24, 1989, when it was raised by 1/2 point. Just before the move, American authori-ties revealed that the November unemployment rate rose since October 1987, from 5.7

per cent in October. American non-farm payroll jobs fell by 267,000 in November, against a 75,000 drop expected by economists. The jobless report gives the first comprehensive look at the economy in November and is the first indication of whether the downturn that began in October has continued. The dollar fell after the job

UK retains hard line against Emu

By ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

A GROUP of northern Euro- may move ahead soon topean countries will probably move ahead of the rest of Europe towards a tighter monetary union, British and German officials have sug-

Britain, however, will not alter its fundamental opposition to European Monetary Union at the intergovernmental conference (IGC) which begins in Rome next Saturday.

Although Britain's oppo-sition to Emu led indirectly to Margaret Thatcher's removal as prime minister, Whitehall officials said yesterday that the government saw no reason to modify the positions staked out by Mrs Thatcher at the October summit,

These views, which were rejected by the other 11 members of the European Community, offered a good besis for continuing negotiations over Emu and would not lead to Britain's isolation at the IGC, the officials mid.

But they acknowledged that a group of non-inflationary members in northern Europe officials believe.

wards a tighter monetary cooperation, leaving the other members of the European Monetary System, including Britain, lagging behind. Horst Koehler, the German

finance secretary, said twospeed progress towards Emu would probably prove necessary since some countries would need longer than others to prepare for the disciplines of fixed exchange rates. British officials said they would have no objections to this, provided that a framework of Emu was agreed by all.

British officials believe the will not be isolated partly because little progress is likely for many months on any of the concrete issues of monetary union. The IGC delegates, who will meet monthly. are expected to talk inconclusively for most of next year, giving Britain time to consider fundamental changes in its

Meanwhile, supporters of Britain's gradualist approach to Emu are likely to emerge,

lunchtime in New York stood at \$1.9480 against the pound, down from \$1.9375.

Foreign exchange dealers say the dollar has also lost some of its "safe-haven" status after the moves towards peace in the Gulf. The Fed easing failed to help American shares and the Dow Jones Industrial average fell 13.37 to 2,589.11 on fears of a deeper than expected recession.

Economists were shaken by the fall in employment. The down to 178,000 from 78,000 previously estimated. Janet Norwood, a commissioner for the Bureau of Labour Statistics, said the figures showed "a substantial and widespread over-the-month deterioration" in the job market.

Alan Greenspan, the Fed chairman, told Congress last week the American economy turn" in October and November. Michael Boskin, the White House chief economic adviser, this week said he expected four-quarter gross national product to indicate a shrinking economy, but he foresaw an upturn after the first half of next year.

The Southwest Bunk of St Louis, a small American bank, cut its prime rate immediately after the job figures were announced. Its rate came down to 9.75 per cent from 10 per cent. First Fidelity Bancorp followed, suggesting others may do so. If they do, it will be the first benchmark rate since January 8.

As the pound came under ressure, the Bank of England unnounced that for the third Friday in a row it was lending to the money market at 14 per cent for the next fortnight. The amount was £985 million.

The pound had a difficult day against the mark, closing just over half a pfennig lower at DM2.8821, reducing the scope for an early interest rate cut. On its trade-weighted index, the pound shed 0.1 to end at 93.5. In the money market, interbank interest rates eased by up to 1/1s in thin trading, with the key threemonth rate closing at 131/2-3/e

LVMH expands champagne operations with Fr3bn deal

By OUR CITY STAFF

Vuitton is paying Fr3.1 billion for Pommery et Lanson, the champagne business owned by BSN, the French food

manufacturer. LVMH, which is 24 per cent owned by Guinness, owns Moet et Chandon and Veuve Clicquot champagnes, and will add two leading international brands to its range. Its share of the world champagne market will grow from 19 per cent to 24 per cent. The two firms said in a joint

Walker director goes

director.

with their strategies. LVMH reported an operat-ing profit of Fr1.24 billion in its champagne activities in 1989, including the Moët et

Clicquot brands, out of Fr5.67 billion for the whole group. Earlier this year, LVMH increased its stake in Guinness to 24 per cent, the same level as Guinness's consolidated interest in LVMH. Guinness shares closed 15p higher at

Bernard Arnault, the

resigned as a non-executive

director of Brent Walker, the

debt-ladened leisure group.

The group expects to an-

nounce shortly the appointment of additional non-

executive directors as well as

the appointment of a finance

Wilfred Aquilina resigned

as the finance director this

week but he will be retained by

the Brent Walker Group as a

THE luxury goods company statement that the move fits in LVMH chairman, said the LVMH-Moet Hennessy Louis with their strategies. purchase price includes the acquisition of Pommery et Lanson's stock of about 50 million bottles of champagne. He put no value on the stocks. Chandon, Mercier and Veuve BSN intends to concentrate

on food products with large consumer markets, mainly in Europe. Antoine Riboud, the chairman, said he had decided to sell the champagne business because it was not central to BSN's operations and was not a market leader.

Analysts said the deal would heip BSN to reduce its debt and bring LVMH a stronger share of the champagne

LVMH, which also controls the Christian Dior and Givenchy fashion houses, raised Fr5 billion last month to refund its stake in Guinness. The company will have a higher debt-to-equity ratio as a result of the deal. BSN became the third larg-

est champagne producer after it bought Pommery et Lanson in 1984. The company produced 13 million bottles last year, of which two-thirds were exported. Its champagne activities had a turnover of just over Fr1 billion in 1989.

Wolverhampton & Dudley drinks to a buoyant 1991



Brewery held back to profit of £31.8m

By JONATHAN PRYNN

HIGHER interest charges and lower property earnings have held back pre-tax profits to £31.8 million, a 4 per cent increase on last year, at Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries, the black country beer group.

Nevertheless, Edwin Thompson, the chairman, painted a buoyant picture of the company's prospects for 1991, "We have a robust balance sheet, a sound investment programme, good retail outlets and vigorous brands... We believe that 1991 will see more satisfactory growth across all areas of our ousiness," he said.

Turnover, which totalled £171.4 million for the year to end-September, grew by 9.7 per cent in the second half compared with 7 per cent in the first six months. However, the buoyant sales growth resulted in a 56.3 per cent increase in borrowing costs to £4.8 million. Year-end bor-rowings of £36.5 million give a gearing ratio of 15.6 per cent. said David Thompson, the managing director.

Earnings per share in-creased 16.1 per cent to 36p and a final 5.6p dividend increased the total payout by 13.4 per cent to 9.3p. The company predicted that total dividend for the current year "should not be less than 10p", a 7.5 per cent increase. The

Beer sales showed volum growth in all categories, with Kronenbourg up 13 per cent, Harp up 7 per cent and non-and low-alcohol beers increasing by 16 per cent. In the ales son's brands increased market share and margins. Wolverhampton & Dudley has about 20 per cent of the ales market in the Central TV region.

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The weak property market meant fewer property sales during the year, with property profits falling from £1.3 million to £402,000.

Chloride Group passes payout as profits slip to £4.4m at half time

By OUR CITY STAFF

FLUCTUATING exchange rates, difficult trading con-Gulf combined to push pretax profits at Chloride Group, the battery maker, back from £5 million to £4.4 million in the six months to end-

There is again no dividend, but the board is promising a capital reorganisation, which could allow payments to be resumed "in the near future". However, Roger Holmes, the director of corporate op-

erations, was unable to say whether a payout could be expected at the end of this financial year or what precise timescale the company had Shareholders were prom-



Ray Herrocks: warning ised that the strategic review of the group, foreshadowed in the latest report and accounts, was nearing completion and

borrowings and costs in today's increasingly difficult economic climate, will be announced shortly," said Ray Horrocks, the chairman. "All options are open." said

Mr Holmes - including

The worst hit business was the international division, where operating profits fell from £6.4 million to £4.7

Electronics was unchanged at £3.5 million, and Mr Horrocks gave warning that prospects for the second half could be influenced by uncertain market conditions

would be published by the end rose from £600,000 to £3.2

"The outcome, which will After exceptional items of reflect the priority which the £1.3 million from two relocadown from £9.8 million to £8 million following the nonrecurrence of £1.9 million of profits last time from discontinued operations.

The income from those disposals belped cut interest payments from £5.2 million to £3.7 million. Chloride refuses to reveal its borrowings at the half-way stage, but it is likely, given seasonal trends in the business, that they are higher than the £32 million noted in the last accounts.

Changing currency rates cut profits by £1.7 million, Mr Horrocks said. The shares edged ahead 2p to 17p from while the industrial division their low point of the year.

A power of disappointment for stags

STAGS look like being left out the smaller investor. There is company flotations such as applied for a wide spread of in the cold in the electricity float, where the number of applications has now passed the 8 million mark, and only those applying for a small number of shares in their own regional distribution company are certain to get their full entitlement,

Counting at the receiving banks is continuing until tomorrow, with the final allocations to be announced on Monday. Sources close to the float said the eventual shareout would be heavily weighted in favour of the customer and

out investors by lot. The eventual total

applications could top 12 million, with the total number shares likely to be between 5 million and 6 million. While only about one in five has gone for shares in more than one company, a significant number have sone for all 12.

The most likely outcome is that the float will be about seven to eight times' subscribed, not excessive by the standards of some private

unlikely to be a ballot to rule Sock Shop but way ahead of shares in small amounts in any previous privatisation. If so, any investor who has

applied for £2,000 worth of shares in any company will of people applying for the probably get nothing, as in some areas will those putting in £1,000. Those who have applied for fewer will probably be heavily scaled back, perhaps to just 100 shares in some companies. This rules out the stags who have put in large amounts and could cut profits for others to below worthwhile levels.

their own names and their families', and who plan to sell out immediately, could still see a fair return. Prices on the grey market

were holding steady, with all 12 indicating an average premium of 36p for every 100p part-paid invested.

It appears there has been no "Northumbrian effect" this time. In last year's water float. Northumbrian was easily the most popular of the ten companies with the stags and most ended up with nothing.

Stars cloud results at Chrysalis million joint venture with Pioneer

By MARTIN WALLER

CHRYSALIS Group, the record and media company, has reported a poor set of full-year results, exacerbated by problems with some of its top stars. The company inched to a £5,000 pretax profit in the 12 months to end-

The full-year dividend is being held at 4p, with a 2p final payment. Among the events of the past 12 months that the board would rather

August, against losses of £11.5 million

• The motorcycle accident of its former top-selling singer, Billy Idol, whose image precluded the wearing of a crash helmet, shortly before an important album release.

• The refusal of Idol's replacement at the top of Chrysalis's corporate tree. Sinead O'Connor, to allow the American national anthem to be played at a concert in America. Sales of her best-selling album I Do Not Want What I Have Not Got subsequently plummeted amid the patriotic fervour that followed the invasion of Kuwait. ♠ Allegations made by Ms O'Connor

that the Chrysalis management tried to pressure her into having an abortion for financial reasons. • The embarrassing discovery that the

chart-topping duo, Milli Vanilli, had neglected to play or sing on any of their records. Chrysalis, whose record business is

now jointly owned with Thorn EMI, turned in an operating profit for the year of £1.78 million, compared with a £12.5 million loss last time, but then lost £1.78 million from the effects of exchange rate fluctuations on its dollar deposits. The company was hit by another £1.27

million in extraordinary items, mainly provisions against money it now may not receive from the sale to Thorn EMI. While the British record business contributed a £3.4 trading million profit, Chrysalis's share of the American business lost £1.6 million. Asked when the American division would finally come into profit, Chris

swered: "Not this year, possibly next year, certainly the year after." Chrysalis has been keen to build up its non-record activities. It has signed a £10

Wright, the Chrysalis chairman, an-

Electronic Corporation of Japan to create a recording studio at Lyndhurst Hall, a Grade II listed building it owns in Hampstead, London, and a £1 million agreement to form a television and film production company. It has made a foray into the radio

industry, with a 20 per cent stake in Metro Radio, and Mr Wright nurses designs to invest in a consortium bidding for an independent television franchise.

He could not quantify the effect on profits of the O'Connor furore, which resulted in her records being banned by several American radio stations, but admitted that eventual sales had been far worse than expected.

The listening public can look forward to a last record from Milli Vanilli, whoever they may actually be. "It does feature the two boys, Rod and Fab." said Mr Wright. "On the front of it," he Ominously for the two, who were the

ones who came clean with the news, he

added: "Milli Vanilli after that will be

dead property."

Smith New Court figures depressed by Gulf tension executive, said: "We are steadily from a low base satisfied with the results, Smith New Court has defined By Graham Searjeant

THE depression in stock market trading since the invasion of Kuwait has wrecked hopes of a sharp upturn in profits at Smith New Court, the securities house. The group made pre-tax profits of £4.1 million in the six months to November 2. That was double the £2 million reported for the same period in 1989, but those figures were depressed by an unquantified loss, thought to be about £8 million, on a

holding of Ferranti shares. benefited from several bought tax profits of £12.5 million. deals and placings, including stakes in NSM and De La Rue. Trading was still buoyant in June, when the group last reported, but volumes collapsed later in the summer.

rather than disappointed, within the context of the be paid at the end of February marketplace. In August and September, business just died. The Gulf crisis was like turning off the tap."

Business recovered slightly in October and November and Smith New Court will benefit in the second half from trading of electricity shares and placings of stakes in BAA and Welsh Water. But Mr Marks said business was still much less buoyant than in the second half of 1989-90, when This year Smith New Court Smith New Court made pre-

City institutions were still waiting for a resolution of the Gulf crisis, he said. Trading volumes are usually higher if share prices rise.

In line with its new policy of Michael Marks, the chief trying to increase dividends

an interim dividend of 0.5p. to (nil). Last year's final dividend was 3p.

There was an extraordinary loss of £4.1 million from the sale of the group's one-third stake in National Investment Holdings, which Sir Michael Richardson, the chairman. said was distinct from the mainstream of the business. He said this loss should be covered in the second half by a somewhat larger profit on the surrender of a lease when Smith New Court moves to its new building.

The shares, which have fallen from 105p since the fullyear results in June, recovered 50 to 850. Basic earnings were 1.98p per share for the half year but 4.36p allowing for conversion of prior capital.

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Pirelli bid success would trim Continental

From Wolfgang Munchau IN MILAN

PIRELLI, the Italian tyre company, will amalgamate and streamline its management with that of Continental within three years if its hostile bid for the German group is

Management levels at Continental would be cut, factories reorganised, although not necessarily closed, and there are likely to be job losses, particularly if the downturn in the tyre industry continues as experts predict. la selected foreign markets, Pirelli may replace the name of Continental with its own.

According to information obtained by The Times, Pirelli, while prepared to negotiate the terms of its offer, insists it must take a majority stake, a stand that has become the sticking point in talks. There is dismay at Pirelli about a pledge the average four-door satoon, write made by Horst Urban, the ebullient Pirelli supplies tyres for upmarket chief executive of Continental, that there will be no redundancies if Continental stays independent. Herr Urban's pledge has won him the support of the workforce, whose representatives hold half the seats on the company's supervisory

board Pirelli has refused to defend its stand, but will reject claims made by Herr Urban that the merged company would lose sales because of the resulting near-monopoly, particularly in relation to Volkswagen and Mercedes-Benz. Herr Urban says that together the companies would account for 64 per cent of tyre sales at Volkswagen, Pirelli's contribution being only 9 per cent.

Continental's strength is in the middle market for tyres, covering sports cars and small cars.

It is understood that Pirelli will want to challenge Michelin's dominant position in the tyre market for commercial vehicles and trucks. In Europe, Michelin enjoys a 50 per cent market share and higher margins. The world tyre markets for commercial and private vehicles are about the same size, although Pirelli and Continental are under-represented in the commercial vehicle

and truck tyres market. Pirelli's reluctance to agree to a joint venture company and its wish to streamline the managements of the two companies stems from the Italian group's disastrous joint venture with Dunlop in the Seventies. The two companies were unable to work out joint strategies, operate joint manufacturing operations, and therefore unable to benefit from economies of scale, which is the main rationale behind Pirelli's bid for Continental.

Economies of scale are increasingly working to the disadvantage of medium-sized companies because of the increased variety of tyres, which in Pirelli's case has doubled over the last five years to 200,

Pirelli believes that in Europe Continental and itself still operate on critical mass economies in the market for car tyres. Neither company has achieved this in the truck tyres market or wider foreign markets. Pirelli says such economies could be achieved in these areas were the two companies merged.

Pirelli had held merger talks with the shareholders of Continental before it launched its bid in Septemsupport of the majority of shareholders in Continental, although proof has not been forthcoming.

It is thought that Pirelli wants to continue talks with Continental's management and shareholders, in particular Deutsche Bank, one of whose directors, Ulrich Weiss, is also chairman of Continental. Only when it becomes obvious that Continental continues to oppose a deal will Pirelli consider calling an extraordinary meeting of shareholders in an effort to lift 5 per cent voting restrictions. Success there would allow Pirelli to buy shares in the market to obtain 51 per cent of the equity Such a move, however, is seen as a last resort. However, due to the stand of Herr Urban and his staff, this appears the most likely

Alan Bond

remanded

on bail of

£40,000

ALAN Bond, the business-

ber 77.574 when he appeared

in a Perih court after being

arrested and charged with

breaching Western Australia's securities industry code.

Mr Bond, aged \$2, who was

not required to plead, was

yesterday remanded on Aus\$100,000 (£40,000) bail and a Aus\$100,000 surety to

appear again on January 31 Mr Bond can then elect to

bave a preliminary hearing or

Mr Bond, the former chair-

man of Bond Corporation.

was addressed as "defendant

number 77,574" by Richard

The charge is that on Octo-ber 26, 1987, "Alan Bond, by

dishonestly concealing a ma-

terial fact . . . induced or at-

tempted to induce Brian

Richard Coppin to deal in

securities by deleting a con-

dition from a sub-underwrit-

Bromfield, the magistrate.

go immediately to trial.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP Gaynor shares dive after losses deepen

SHARES in Gaynor Group, the Unlisted Securities Marketquoted manufacturer of plastic bags and packaging film, collapsed from 23p to 3p after the group's losses deepened. The company dived to pre-tax losses of £1.54 million in the year to end-August (£123.000 profit). The group had slipped into the red with a £557,000 loss at the interim stage. It blamed the results on a jump in raw material costs and the loss of two major supermarket customers.

Peter Giles, the managing director, said the loss of the customers was largely responsible for a drop in turnover from £8.28 million to £6.41 million. He said the Gulf tension had led to a 50 per cent jump in the price of the company's raw

There is a 20 6p loss per share, against earnings of 1.5p previously Once again, there is no dividend.

North Sea asset swap

CLYDE Petroleum, the independent oil company, and Fina Petroleum Development have agreed a North Sea asset exchange. Clyde is to acquire Fina's 25 per cent interest in block 9/18b, increasing its total interest in the block to 35 per cent Fina will receive three parcels from Clyde: 2.65 per cent in block 16/26, 15 per cent in cent interest in block 22/5b.

Fobel trims interim loss

FOBEL International, the electrical goods and DIY accessories manufacturer, has trimmed pre-tax losses from £592,000 to £578,000 in the half year to end-June million to £9 01 million. The loss per share is reduced from 4.04p to 3.25p. There is no interim dividend, but the board will consider a final payout when the full-year results are known.

Sanderson ahead 10%

SANDERSON Electronics, supplier of computer systems, increased taxable profits by 10 per cent to £3.3 million in the year to end-September on turnover of £14.3 million, up 19 per cent. Earnings were & per cent higher at 24.8p a share.

The company, which paid an interim dividend of 3p a share, is to pay a first interim dividend of 5 4p a share for the year to end-September 1991, instead of a final dividend for the year just ended. A second interim dividend for the current financial year will be paid in July 1991. Net assets rose to £2.01 million (£1.34 million).

Boscombe up Jones, Stroud

BOSCOMBE Property had pre-tax profits of £125,000 for the six months to end-September, compared with a £32,700 loss for the same period last year Gross rental income was ahead 10 per cent at £342.000. The com-

to £125,000

pany said that "a satisfactory profit is expected for the full year". An interim 40p ordinary dividend compares with 25p last year.

ing agreement between Cop-pin and Wardley Australia Securities Ltd". It said Mr Bond failed to disclose to Mr Coppin, another Perth businessman, that Rothwells had agreed to pay Mr Bond's flagship company, Bond Corporation. Aus 16 million on or before

December 24, 1987.

The offence carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison or an Aus\$20,000 fine.

or both. Mr Bond was arrested on Thursday by a state govern-ment task force in connection with his role in an attempted rescue of Rothwells Ltd, a

Mr Bromfield ruled that Mr Bond must give the task force 24 hours' notice of any intention to travel abroad and his initial destination, despite objections from his lawyer.

lapsed in 1988.

Mr Bond remained silent throughout the ten-minute proceedings.

On Thursday, Mr Bond issued a statement saying he was innocent of any wrongdoing and denied he had acree dishonestly. Mr Bond is the sixth person

to be arrested and charged by the Rothwells investigators in the past week.

midway slip

JONES, Stroud, the special ist textiles and electrical company, reports a 22 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £2.7 million for the six months to end-September Turnover was almost un changed at £30 i million and the interim dividend is held at 3p. The company expects similar profits for the rest of the year, in which event the final dividend will be maintained at last year's 8p.

Utd Industries dives

UNITED industries, the spring and cutting tools maker, has cut its dividend after a decline in first-half pre-tax profits. from £1.36 million to £693,000 in the six months to October 6. There were higher interest costs and reduced operating

The company said that although the material handling division maintained profitability at operating level, the springs division was affected by reductions in customers' requirements. Earnings fell from 2.54p to 1.41p. The interim dividend is cut from 1.2p to 0.5p. Shares lost 5p to 23p.

Debt servicing tips Leica into losses

By JONATHAN PRYNN

LEICA, the USM-quoted op- this year's figures with 1989. tics group formed out of a However, the merged group's end-September, despite earning operating profits of £7.4

The pre-tax figure was hit by the £8.2 million cost of servicing the debt taken on at the time of the merger. The interim dividend is up 8 per cent at 0.28p. Dr Stephan Schmidheiny,

the chairman, said the merger

merger involving Cambridge six-month turnover of £251 Instruments last year, has million represented an inannounced an £859,000 pre- crease of £5.3 million on last tax loss for the half year to year's first-half appregated sales of Cambridge instruments and Wild Leitz Holding, the two companies that merged to form Leica. Operating profits were £7.7 million ahead of last year's aggregated figure.

'Oenerally we are making good progress with our merger and reorganisation plans." said Dr Markus Rauh, the (Reuter) made it difficult to compare chief executive officer.

Warning by Redwood to directors on behaviour

main board who can also sit

on an audit committee, set the pay of the executive directors,

and ensure that systems are in

place to prevent fraud and

spot financial problems at an

Although compliance with

the law on filing yearly com-

pany accounts has risen to 80

per cent, he said this remained

tors at their home addresses

pointing out to them they are individually responsible for

ensuring that their companies

do meet the disclosure stan-

On the issue of corporate

noted that some people ques-

tioned whether the Anglo-

Saxon style of equity finance

and company government could compete successfully

with the bank-driven tra-

ditions of continental Europe.

Japan appears ready to rebuff

an invitation to take over the

distribution of its vehicles in

Britain. Nissan said it was

doubtful that businesslike

negotiations can take place

because of the past experi-

Yesterday's response appar-

ently stems from unsuccessful

talks in 1986 between Nissan

of Japan and its independently

controlled British distributor,

There has also been tension

between the companies since

the launch of the British-built

Primera saloon in September.

Nissan UK says it is charged

too much for the cars. A 1.6

litre model retails in Britain

for £9,995, about £1,500 more

specification in Germany.

ences that we have had".

Nissan UK.

Mr Redwood

dards laid down."

We will be pursuing direc-

earty stage.

THE spate of big British spectacular insolvencies, coucompanies running into serious trouble, or failing this the authorities in tracking year has provoked John Red-down cases of fraud, insider wood, the corporate affairs dealing market manipulation minister, to issue a strong and malpractice has triggered warning to company directors the debate." to behave more prudently.

The statement, from the free market-oriented minister, also contained words of caution about the merits of takeovers. "Evidence is rising that, except in the very shortterm, takeovers can all too often damage the wealth of the shareholders of the bidding company rather than improv-

ing it."
Mr Redwood said only a limited number of British companies had been adept at taking over others and making more of a success of them,

Stressing the need for strong action by the regulatory authorities to deter and prevent fraud, Mr Redwood said the quality and style of corporate governance in Britain was moving "high up the

He said: "A number of unsatisfactory.

Regina Health in the red by £4.7m

By OUR CITY STAFF

REGINA Health & Beauty Products, the royal jelly company, incurred a pre-tax loss of £4.7 million for the year to end-June, against a profit of £754,000 last time. The shares fell kp to 1 kp on the news.

The trading loss was £641,000, but there was an exceptional charge of £3.77 million for redundancies and closures and a £285,000 interest bill. Sales were down marginally on last year at £5.7 million and the loss per share was 19.7p, against earnings of 2.31p. There is again no dividend.

Since the year-end, a new management has been installed and Irene Stein, the founder of the business who was deposed in a boardroom coup a year ago, has rejoined the business. David Ten, the new chairman, said overheads had been cut by 80 per cent from last year's peak and the directors believe the company will return to profitability in the current year. Mr Tett said: "The past year

has been a traumatic one for Regina. A slowdown in demand for products was accompanied by boardroom changes, lack of trade confidence and fierce competition, plus difficulties in restructuring the company. All these factors had a negative impact on Regina's results but the worst should be behind us now."

Regina has cut its office space by 21,000 sq ft and has relocated to a building formerly used as Mrs Thatcher's constituency headquarters at Finchley.



Amicable backing for building society bids: Phillip Court (left) and Kenneth Murray

Predator stalks societies

By Graham Searjeant, Financial editor

SCOTTISH Amicable has em- of Birmingham Midshires nior management. The group erged as the principal backer of a new financial group that hopes to make friendly takeovers of small- and mediumsized building societies and

convert them to bank status. The mutual life assurance group has put up £10 million for a 39 per cent stake in Aristuein, formed by Kenneth Murray, former bank share analysi and money broker, Aristuein has raised £26 million of initial capital from various British and conti-

He foresaw a time when nental institutions. continental Europe would The name is adapted from come to appreciate the value the motto of the University of of open and active equity St Andrews, Mr Murray says, markets like those in Britain. Mr Redwood also made clear that he does not think all the blame for corporate difficulties lie with company directors. "Some banks may well need to develop longer term relationships with their clients

and means always to excel. But the group plans to call itself The Bank of Edinburgh, a name that has been registered but cannot be used until authorised by the Bank of England. Mr Murray has recruited

'No deal' for Nissan in UK

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

trial products in Britain, in

perpetuity. Britain is Nissan's

ing 138,000 vehicles last year.

and managing director of Nissan UK, offered to nego-

tiare a sale in a private letter

sent two weeks ago to Yutaka

Kume, president of Nissan. A

Nissan spokeswoman said the

letter had been "acknowl-

Mr Botnar suggested a

phased acquisition of control

by Nissan, spread over four to

five years, and indicated that

price was of secondary im-

portance. Outside estimates of

the value of Nissan UK range

from £300 million to £500

million. In the year to end-

pre-tax profits of £69.3 million

Octav Botnar, chairman

est European market, tak-

building society for 17 years does not intend to make any until he left in a dispute over strategy this year. Mr Court built up Birmingham Midshires to the eleventh

biggest society through 20 different mergers, but, perhaps inevitably, became a controversial figure in the cosy building society world, The group aims to approach

elected building societies with profits of between £1 million and £10 million, which covers about a third of the 107 remaining societies. Mr Murray sees a decentralised federation rather than one monolithic institution emerging. The trading benefits would come from increased scale, consequent cost savings and better services.

Such deals would include a cash payout to society members and offer share options or Philip Court, chief executive superior pension deals to se-

takeover talks during 1986-87

led to the signing of a letter of

intent between Nissan UK

and Mitsui, the Japanese trad-

ing house, and Nissan, acting

jointly. Nissan UK was repre-

sented by Kleinwort Benson,

and Nissan-Matsui by Morgan

Mr Botnar said: "After a

number of meetings Morgan

Grenfell revealed they had no

Nissan to make an offer, and

our bankers accordingly sent

us their bill and advised us to

Ownership of Nissan UK

Mr Botnar has not offered

was transferred by Mr Botnar

to a group of charities 16 years

to sell Automotive and Finan-

cial Group Holdings, a com-

pany split out of Nissan UK

two years ago, which he also

discontinue discussions."

instructions from Mitsui-

Grenfell.

hostile bids, which Mr Court thinks are impractical under society rules. "People are naturally nervous about change, but the benefits are obvious," said Mr Court. Dr John Wrigglesworth of

UBS Phillips & Drew, who has made a special study of building societies and compares their efficiency, says that unlocking reserves could give members payments of between £500 and £1,000. The idea is eminently sen-

sible," he says, but he is doubtful if it will work when the housing market has made many societies extra-cautious. "You can have an excellent strategy that will make everyone richer, but you are dealing

with local building society boards of directors who usually have a deep belief in mutuality."

Failed property magnate jailed

GEORGE Herscu, the bank-

rupt Australian property magnate, has been sentenced to five years in jail for bribing a state government minister. Herscu, the Romanian-born

former head of Hooker Corporation, the collapsed property and retail group, was sentenced in the Brisbane District Court by Judge Pat Shanahan. The judge told Herscu, aged 62, the bribe was the most unwise investment he had ever made. The judge did not set an early parole

A jury on Thursday found Herscu guilty of two corruption charges relating to an Aus\$100,000 (£39,000) bribe made in 1983 to Russ Hinze. the former Queensland state government minister. Herscu told the court he

paid Mr Hinze the money to buy Herseu racehorses, although none was ever bought. The prosecution said the money was paid to encourage Mr Hinze to assist with political (avours.

Herscu, who wept during character evidence by a friend before the sentencing, declared himself bankrupt in July this year with debts of almost Aus\$500 million.

Hooker Corp was put into receivership in July last year with debts of about Aus\$2 billion. Herscu came to Australia in

1950 as a penniless immigrant, working his way up to become one of the country's wealthiest men. He took over Hooker Corp in 1986. Mr Hinze, a sormer minister in the Queensland gov-

erament of Sir Joh Bielke-



Bribe was most unwise investment': George Herscu, sentenced to five years in jail

to Mr Hinze's ill health. land premier, will face a court Petersen, is also facing official corruption charges but the next year on a charge of Tony Fitzgerald, a lawyer,

Sir Joh, the former Queens- the Fitzgerald enquiry. The enquiry, headed by until 1987.

case has been adjourned due official corruption and two found corruption widespread counts of perjury arising from in the "Sunshine State", ruled by Sir Joh for two decades

Yesterday, Mr Botnar said sive distribution rights for Ireland going out of fashion

Nissan UK has the exclu- on sales of £950 million.

than a car with a higher July 1989, Nissan UK made

NISSAN Motor Company of Nissan cars, trucks and indus-

edged".

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

NORMAN Ireland, the company doctor who failed in his attempted rescue of Lowndes Queensway this year, has left the board of Etam, the fashion retailer, after nearly four years as a non-executive

The Etam board said Mr Ireland was leaving because of his "personal commitments elsewhere", a euphemism commonly used by directors departing on less than amicable terms. But in Mr Ireland's case it appears to be true. He is a director of no fewer than 25 companies, not to mention 12 subsidiaries.

Mr Ireland is well known for his chairmanship of Bowater Industries, Bricom Group and London & Metropolitan. According to the latest Directory

of Directors, he also includes among his boards: Allied Polymer Group, APG Management Services, BTR, HG Miles (Holdings), Hewitt Hose, Hi Flex Cambs, Hydulic-Num Jabroc (Tools), Jabrol, MPB Development Engineers, Meggin, Savage Group, The Scottish Heritable Trust, Serck, Silvertown Trading AG Switzerland, South Wales Brattice Cloth & Inqa Rubber Co, Staxgate, Thomas Tilling International, WA Holdings and Worcester Controls. While the South Wales Brattice Cloth

& Inqu Rubber Company may not take

up too much of his time, it has been an

eventful year for Mr Ireland, in January,

he agreed to take over the chairmanship

of Lowndes Queensway, the troubled furniture to carpets retailer, saying that

he would step down in October. By

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August, the group had gone into receiverfor customer deposits.

hardware supplier, where Nick Savage, the chairman, and David Brown, chief executive, recently resigned, Mr Ireland has said he will not stand for re-election.

Metropolitan's share price at 8p. But despite the never-ending round of

ship but Lowndes' customers have cause to be greatful to Mr Ireland. He put in place the £15 million insurance policy At Savage Group, the USM-quoted

This year has also seen the £337.5 million takeover of Bricom by Gamlestaden, the Swedish financial services group, and the suspension of London &

board meetings the 67-year-old superdirector still has time for other things. Who's Who lists his recreations as gardening, ballet, opera and music.

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Early fall for Dow

New York BLUE chips, unable to gain any support from strong bond prices and hopes of lower interest rates, suffered losses in mid-morning. The Dow Jones industrial average fell has climbed 71.61 points, or 5 10 points to 2.592.48.

30-year bond rose by about a that the weak economy height- cent, to 1,197.85.

quarter company earnings. • Frankfart - The Dax index finished 8.17 points higher at 1,512.84, its fifth gain in the last six market days. The Dax per cent, in the week.

The United States Treasury Singapore — Individual and Dyear bond rose by about a manimulional investors made a point. Mike Lockwood, the strong comeback to push the manager of American equity Straits Times industrial index trading at SG Warburg, said up 44.89 points, or 3.84 per



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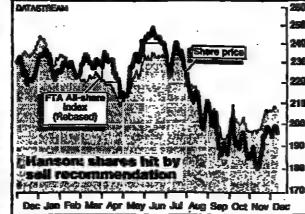
Market-makers hope for a 'killing' on power shares

are joining private investors is the hone of making a "killing" from Tuesday's flotation of the 12 electricity companies. Market-makers were winding-down their positions in the top 100 companies in order to concentrate all their funds on next week's flotation which should result in substantial turnover. Brokers claimed last night that some market-makers had restricted to 5,000 the number of shares that they were prepared to deal in in some blue-chip stocks. Normally, the range would be from 50,000 to

Dealers are predicting seeing hefty premiums estab-lished in the grey market. Last night, the dearest quoted was Northern, at 140p in the middle, compared with the partly-paid offer price of 100p. The cheapest was Eastern at 133p. Trading in the full market starts on Tuesday at 2.30pm to coincide with the opening of Wall Street. The 5.9 to 1,723.8. Once again, market will stay open for one turnover was inflated by a and a half hours after its usual large number of bed-and-

closing time of 4.30 pm. The excitement created by the electricity privatisation were achieved. Anglian rose 2p to 279p, Northumbrian 5p to 272p, North West 5p to 272p, Severs Treat 3p to 236p, Southern 3p to 242p, South West 5p to 266p, Thames 4p to 262p, Welsh 6p and Yorkshire 2p to 273p.

The water package soared £45 to £2,623. The rest of the equity market ended the threeweek account on a steady note, cheered by the news of a cut in American prime rates. The market hopes that this will lead to an early reduction best gains were not held,



start on Wall Street, where the SE 100 index ended 5.9 higher at 2,183.4 - a rise on the boosted by a account of 115.4. The FT bond market.

boosted by a strong American

ments, the homebuilder, fell 10p to 93p after a big downgrading in profits by Cazeneve, the company's own broker. Cazeneve is believed to have cut its forecast of pre-tax profits for the current year by £18 million to just £3 million. In September, the group assounced a slump in pre-tax profits from

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cover future claims by mineworkers suffering from "black iung" disease.

The price later closed 21/2p lighter at 197p. Some analysis have not been impressed with Hanson's full-year figures which showed pre-tax profits 21 per cent up at £1.26 billion. BZW is telling its clients to sell and it seems unimpressed

It says that most of Lord Hanson's effort is being concentrated on strengthening the balance sheet with disposals which should put the group in a strong position to make further acquisitions. But it seems that even Hanson cannot avoid the effects of the

ding medical journal, calling for a reappraisal of the way asthma sufferers are treated left Fisons with a 51/2p fall to 377p and Glaze with a 23p loss at 839p. Fisons is a market leader with its Intal anti-esthma treatment and last week Glavo launched a new treatment. Serevent.

The report suggested that asthma sufferers should be advised to use the drugs only when they feit an attack developing instead of using the treatment a prescribed number of times every day as a preventative medicine. This would cut the use of the drugs

and eventually hit profits. Ian Moore, a pharmaceuti cals analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, said: "They remain the drugs of choice. The only query is the dosage levels." He thought that Glaxo and Fisons had been chased too high on foreign buying and he would recommend clients to lighten:

their exposure, Last night some reports from New York suggested that Glazo was poised to make a bid for Upjohn, the American

MICHAEL CLARK

● Hong Kong — Stocks closed

with the group's overall A report in The Lancet, the

Nikkei up 969 points in strong trade

PRICES closed sharply higher on hopes for a quick and peaceful settlement in the Middle East after President would free all hostages in Iraq and Kuwait. Trading was at its highest for 32 market days. The Nikkei index closed up

969.39 points, or 4.30 per cent, at 23,522.49. A senior

said: "The atmosphere was bullish, but cautious. But vol-ume was relatively high because buyers and sellers generally put in orders at day. The volume of 570 levels near each other, which million shares compared with levels near each other, which has been pretty rare these

The Nikkei surged from the highest since the 600 million desier at a Japanese broker opening, climbing 316.25 on October 22, when the

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higher in busy dealings but linguring caution before the weekend pared gains. The weekend pared gains. The Hang Seng index closed 36.90 points up at 3,163.69. Sydney — Shares ended the week on a high note, boosted by the surge in Tokyo. The All-Ordinaries index closed

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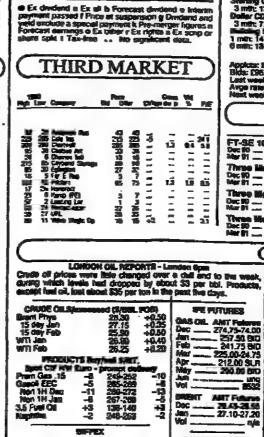
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Survival in the Nineties is name of the game for industrialists

hen Lord Weinstock, Pro-lessor Roland Smith and Sir Denys Henderson sing the same tune it is difficult for analysts in the City to turn a deaf ear. General Electric Company did not increase its interim dividend this week and foreshadowed 6,000 redundancies. British Aerospace has given notice of 4,500 redundancies and intends to take out two factories. Imperial Chemical Industries did not cut its dividend, as some had feared it would, but it is cutting back capital investment and is not expecting "good growth" before 'later in the Nineties'

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The reaction of the City scribblers to the gathering gloom in industry - services as well as manufacturing - is twofold. The first is to downgrade profit and dividend forecasts and seriously damage share prices. The second is to debate the probable depth and duration of the current recession. Are we in a

mild recession or facing a slump?
The official Treasury view, formulated under John Major, is that the United Kingdom is in a short shallow recession. Gross domestic product will fall just over 1 per cent between the first and second halves of this year, level out in the first half of 1991 and rise sharply in the second half. The Confederation of British Industry is forecasting a much worse outcome next year, not least because capital investment is expected to fall away by 6 per cent. Economists in the City are coming round to the CBI side.

Roger Bootle, of Midland Montagu, makes the point that many people think that the recession cannot possibly be as bad as 1979-81 because high interest rates this time are not accompanied by a surging exchange rate. Equally, it cannot be as bad as 1974-5 because we do not have rampant inflation interacting dangerously with the weak state of company finances. "The distinctive feature this time is the growing collective reluctance of the banking system to supply credit." The banks' own balance sheets are under pressure. They have a jaundiced view of many customers' creditworthiness and prefer to force them into insolvency than fall into the abyss themselves.

Bootle, among others, does not think there will be a slump because the government would take action to prevent one. Interest rates would be

sharply reduced; the first Norman Lamont Budget would raise the level of public spending and lower taxes well beyond the £3 billion already promised for poll tax relief; and in the last resort

sterling would be devalued. These are essentially City perspec tives and statistical judgments, which have a bland quality. In the real world, the problem is not perceived as responding to a mild recession measured on the economist scale. "The dominant theme of the 1990s," leading industrialists believe, "is survival."

"We do not know whether the Soviet Union will survive. Or the United States banking system. Or UK manufacturing industry. In the 1980s the emphasis in industry was on marketing and growth and in the City on earnings per share and dividends. The Lawson



boom in 1987-8 was the final expression of the confidence of the Eighties. It was good while it lasted and it lasted as long as it did because of North Sea oil revenues, tax cutting, deregulation, the loss of trade union power and an expanding international economy.

We are now suffering a hangover, bleary-eyed but conscious of the impact of high inflation, high exchange rates and high interest rates. You cannot devise a better formula for crippling manufacturing industry in this country. "To survive you need a strong bal-

ance sheet, or a substantial business overseas, or preferably both. The financial pressure on companies is probably greater than it has ever been. If cashflow is not enough to cover interest, tax, dividends and capital investment something has to give. Already, com-panies have virtually stopped making takeover bids and arranging mergers. Capital spending is being scaled down, capacity taken out and men and women laid off. And as carnings per share drop dividends will come increasingly under threat."

This stark assessment, which incidently is supported by an outstanding paper from Warburg Securities on The Financial Fragility of the Company Sector, is not the end of the story. British industry is also threatened with being marginalised by continental scepticism and our lack of commitment to greater European integration, The main continental countries remain protectionist at heart. They believe that it is in the national good to secure and promote their own industries. This is foreign to the British tradition of free trade and the free sale of all but half a dozen UK companies to any buyer prepared to pay the price.

Arguably we have no option but to encourage foreign investment as we no longer have the industrial capacity or competitive muscle to bridge the balance of payments gap. It is an approach the United States, with similar prob-lems to our own, has also adopted. Unlike us, the Americans do not make a virtue out of Japanese acquisitions of American companies, as the most recent example - Matsushita's pur-chase of MCA for \$6.6 billion cash -

again demonstrated. But our courtship of the Japanese, in the eyes of other European Community members, puts us in the American camp where we still have a preference to be. The majority of the EC countries, notably the Franco-German axis, regard Japan and the United States as their main commercial rivals.

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So where do we go from here? The Treasury is now firmly in control of government and will decide when the hurting has to stop, unless overridden by the demands of election politics. The prime minister as he embarks on his own Community journey would do well to have in mind the legitimate concerns of UK industry and the fear of semi-isolation from the dynamic opportunities the "new Europe" offers. The stock market may have bottomed but still needs to be approached with caution because companies are in a delicate financial state when survival, not expansion, is the name of the game. not expansion, is the name of the game.

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Pacific	2204.9	4.0	-64.4	3.8	-38.3	4.3	-32.9
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Australia	238.2	1.1	-31.4	1.0	-15.5	1.5	~17.2
Austria	1409.1	25	-5.2	2.5	0.5	2.8	14.4
Bolgium	730.2	1.5	-25.8	1.4	-22.8	1.8	-10.5
Canada	419.4	-0.2	-30.1	0.0	-15.6	0.1	~15.7
Denmark	1103.3	0.3	-16.2	0.0	-12.5	0.7	1.1
Phland	65.4	0.1	-40.7	0.3	-36.7	0.4	-28.4
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France	635.9	0.6	-21.4	0.4	-17.5	0.9	-5.1
Germany	744.9	1.0	-18.8	1.2	-14.0	1.4	-2.1
Hong Kong	2010.3	0.9	-9.4	1.2	9.3	1.3	9.3
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Spain	175.6	1.6	-25.8	1.5	-22.6	2.0	-10.5
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Switzerland	742.4	0.2	-16.8	-0.1	-19.7	0.5	-2.1
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Banks and brokers braced for power sell-off stags' stampede

WITH more than five million people applying for electricity shares brokers and banks are preparing for a rush to sell over the next two weeks. Applications point to a massive stagging operation, brokers

Hundreds of thousands of applicants have already regtered to make sure they can sell their shares on Tuesday afternoon as soon as dealing starts. Some have specified price limits they will accept for the shares and others will be happy to deal at the best price n the market

Many more are prepared to vait until their interim certificates arrive on December 19 or 20 to take advantage of free caling offers that will save about £500 in dealing costs for a family of four applying for shares in all companies.
Savers with the Leeds

Permanent Building Society can sell shares in one electricity company free, while the Skipton Building Society will allow its investors to sell up to four family holdings in all 12 companies free.

Those stags who sell on Tuesday will have to wait until January 11 for their payment and those who have to wait for their certificate to deal will be paid on January 15, as long as they sell by

National Wests will be offering instant cash

270 branches, but the commission will be at a rate of 1.5 per cent subject to a minimum of £20 per company, Customers can also place sale orders through any of the bank's 2,800 branches and a

Those with a bit to spend have opted for shares in the

companies they think will not be scaled down so badly'

normally be sent within 48

David Charlton, a

handled 190,000 applications. Of these, "the vast majority have spread their risks over several or all the companies". Large numbers had put in applications from two, three and four family members, and At Diameter, the Guildford he estimated that 60 to 70 per cent of applicants were using

the service for a "quick stag". The Leeds handled 73,000 forms for Capel-Cure Myers Capital Management, for soout £40 million worth of shares. It received 10,000 applications for Yorkshire Electricity, far higher than any other company.

Many of these customers are expected to hold the shares until at least the first discount vouchers are issued next August and possibly for three

closer distribution, with the tnost popular company having just under 10 per cent of applications and the least popular 7 per cent.

'In the Southeast they think they will be scaled down and do not see the point in putting up £1,000 to get 100 shares'

stockbroker, 50 per cent of its 55,000 applicants wanted shares in all the companies.

A spokesman said: "Those with a bit to spend have opted

scaled down so badly, such as Midlands Electricity

Quite a few have not applied for any in the area where they live.

"In the Southeast, they think they will be scaled down dramatically and do not see the point in putting up £1,000 to get 100 shares."

By looking through sample sheets, he estimated that more than 20 per cent of applicants had put up £10,000 or more for electricity shares.

A large proportion wanted to deal on the first day and those who applied through the broker could do so for £5 for one certificate. Two family certificates per company would cost £8, three £9 and four £10. Those who did not apply through Diameter will need their certificates to deal but will be able to do so for £7 to £10.

At the Leeds, savers who do not qualify for free dealing can still sell any number of shares in the same company for up to four members of their family for £10.

Sharelink will allow more than 100,000 people who applied through the company to deal before their certificates arrive for fees starting at £5. Other sellers will have to wait for their certificates, but can then deal by telephone for a minimum of £15 and a maximum of £37.50 per company. Up to four holdings can be handled for a single see provided they are all registered at

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Slim chances of more big gains from the state

By RICHARD IRVING

electricity shares. But number of first time applicants and what proportion intends to hold on to shares to collect discount vouchers or thwaite, the broker, the

The flotation is the latest issue in a long line of successful privatisations that began in 1981 with the sale of British Aerospace and Cable & Wireless. With the exception of BP, part of which was sold just days after the crash of 1987, the programme has given tors substantial profits

Still waiting for paper chase to end

By MARGARET DIBBEN

ONE of the drawbacks to new investors wanting to stag a privatisation issue is the delay in receiving share certificates. These are not dispatched until after dealing has started and only those with established relationships with brokers can deal earlier.

This problem will disappear once the Stock Exchange has its new electronic system of share registration in place. The system, transfer and automated registration of uncertificated stock (Taurus), is intended to simplify the process of recording and transferring the ownership of shares by putting all the records on computer. As a result, share certificates will cease to exist.

change, is on course to begin next October but even those companies most advanced in of the privatisation pro-their preparation will not gramme, the Stock Exchange guarantee they can meet the estimates that no more than deadline. About a dozen com- half of share owners are panies are due to move on to holders of privatisation taurus next October but it stocks, suggesting that some of will take another two years the profits made by stagging before the remainder have the lucrative government sell-

of legal entitlement to shares. market If one is lost, organising a lently the registrar is protected

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WIDER share ownership re- swelling the number of ceived a boost this week with shareholders in Britain from the last minute rush for about three million at the end the of 1979 to more than 11

thorn of Henderson Crosbonus shares is not yet known. privatisation programme has been popular with smaller tors on two counts: their familiarity as household names and the reassurance provided by their size in times of economic uncertainty.

The privatisation issues have been among the largest ever floated on the world's financial markets and comthe British equity market in terms of capitalisation. With the exception of several water stocks, Amersham Internat-ional and Associated British Ports, all have made it into the FT-SE 100 share index.

But with the electricity issue all but in the bag, the chances for further killings look few. Mr Hawthorn points out, it the public is to continue to support the sale of remaining government-controlled business, it must be offered a good return on its investment and a

"Not every remaining na-tionalised industry would provide this," he said. "It would be hard to establish a growth argument for coal, and even the proposals for privatising British Rail are being move to the back burner."

Other possible candidates include British Ports, British Shipbuilders, British Water-ways and the Royal Mail (parcels division). Plans to sell cruificates will cease to exist. the remaining 48 per cent Taurus, says the Stock Exstake in British Telecom next year are well advanced. Despite the obvious success

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offs have been ploughed back Certificates are the evidence into other shares in the

replacement is expensive and time consuming. Before companies that have followed the government's own lead in offering incentives to investors. Holders of preference or deferred shares in P&O, for that if the original certificate. that if the original certificate example, are entitled to disturns up and is used fraudu-counts on most of the company's ferry routes.

Companies in the leisure sector have a particularly good record for incentives. Trusthouse Forte offers 10 to 15 per cent discounts on all group facilities, Queens Moat Houses pays the first £20 towards a town and country weekend, while Greene King knocks 10 to 25 per cent off various cases of wines in an annual offer to all shareholders.

On the stores front. Sketchley offers a 25 per cent discount on most dry cleaning and shoe repairs, Ratners gives 10 per cent off all purchases through any subsidiary, including H Samuel and Watches of Switzerland.

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LETTERS

Small claims court holds sway over act of God

November 24) recalls the mis- our own car insurance com-

church, just missing my wife church council — no doubt limit of £500 — we adopted the extend even unto acts of God! with some authority! — discovered the expedient of suing only for our Yours sixthfully. missed the accident out of "uninsured losses", i.e. the SYDNEY G. DONALD, hand as an act of God. We had policy excess of £25. We had 3 Welburn Avenue, no option but to have the car persuaded our insurance com-

From Dr Sydney G. Donald
Sir, Mrs Baker's unfortunate encounter with an act of God

repaired under our vehicle pany to treat recovery of this sum as an admission of liability by the church, and there-(Court victory for car owner, When neither the AA nor fore as grounds for reinstating

hap which befell (literally) my pany showed any interest in The case never came to wife's car some years ago our plight, we decided to sue court: a few days after the when she parked in windy the church, on the grounds of issue of the summons, a weather next to a Methodist inadequate maintenance, in cheque from the church in the small claims court (against settlement of our claim was When two large chimney advice from court officials thrust furtively through our pots crashed down from the that "you can't sue a church"). letterbox. So all small litt-As the cost of repairs was gants, take heart! The powers but crushing the car roof, the £850 - well beyond the court of the small claims court church courted - no dark

From Mr Geoffrey Gardener Sir, I am 64 and retired on an indexed pension of £12,000

Home studies

Our elder son is due to go to university next year. We shall be expected to make a "parental contribution" towards his maintenance.

As this would be meanstested, would it in your view days after the theft was rebe worth our while to mortgage our house (at present uncacumbered) so that moregage repayments could be set against income? I should be grateful for your opinion. Yours faithfully

GEOFFREY GARDENER Regnum, Lewes Road, Ringmer, East Sussex.

It appears that a deduction for parental contribution purposes for interest paid is only allowed where the interest payments are those "on which tax relief is normally allowed". Please see the Department of Education and Science booklet on "Grants to

students 1990-91", page 14. Mortgage interest on the property in which you live as your sole or main residence is only allowable if the money is borrowed to purchase the property; a subsequent borrowing secured on the house would not normally be deductible unless the money was applied for one of the other "qualifying" purposes, which would not seem to be applicable here. In the circumstances, I do not think that your proposal would be effective. From Mr R. A. Nicholls
Sir, I invested £2,400 in BP shares in a NatWest Pep in

Credit card thief was too quick off mark

From the chief executive, suspect that the transaction

Barclaycard write to correct a mistaken ing society counters are dated impression that the fraudulent when they are processed, cash advance occurred ten which will be some days later. cash advance occurred ten ported to us.

September 13 - but even that the thief making a cash advance of £200 over the counter has not wavered. of a nearby building society at 4.30 pm. At the time the cash advance was authorised, Barclaycard had no reason to

was anything but genuine. Sir, I was sorry to read of Mrs Had the advance occurred gross. My wife is 53 and has a gross salary of £20.800. We ence relating to the theft of her transaction date would have appeared on Mrs McGahey's sequent use by the thief to statement showing the swift-obtain a cash advance (December 1). However, I must advances over bank or build-

> Far from not having the stomach to fight, Barclay-Mrs McGahey very prompt-card's fraud department of ly reported the theft of her nearly 200 staff is working-Barclaycard at 4.35 pm on hard to eradicate this very worrying problem. Mrs. was not quick enough to stop . McGahey can rest assured our determination to stop fraud Yours faithfully.

> > K. C. BIGNALL Barclays Bank, 54 Lombard Street, EC3.

November 1987. This week I

the final account over almost

Prize bonds

From Mr Berkley Hawgood Sir, Your recent correspondence concerning Ernie prompts me to relate my experience. In June 1986 I bought 500 bonds. By October 1990 they had been in the draw for four years without a prize, until October 19 when on that day I received two £50 prizes. The winning numbers differing by only 19.

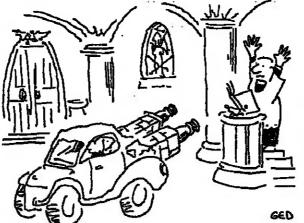
Yours sincerely, BERKLEY HAWGOOD, 10 Brynawelon Road, Cwmllynfell, Dyfed.

Pep for fees

exactly three years is: my profit £475.39, NatWest fees £131.54, brokers' fees £99.93, stamp duty and VAT £34.34. It would have been difficult to have carned less than £700 tax free from a building society for the same investment for the same time, and an investment that gives £34 to

the government can hardly be However, it is quite clear why the financial services community welcomes these

Yours faithfully, R. A. NICHOLLS, 45 Hound Street,



Ex-clients wait for Stock Group funds

From G. J. Almendres Sir, As a regular reader of the business sections of The Times, I was very interested in your article concerning clients £3,000 frozen somewhere in the British and Common-wealth Merchant Bank, repre-senting the proceeds of a share sale I made as a client of Stock

I received a letter from P. Group on July 30, which advised me that I would be kept informed of any im-portant developments. However, although I have spoken by telephone to Stock Group staff on several occasions there has been no further information in writing as to when the funds will become available.

I spoke again by telephone to Stock Group staff last month, and was advised that talks were going on about a takeover of BCMB by a Turkish organisation, which might release funds very soon. How-ever, they could not/would withdrew the investment, and not tell me about the possibility of any claims under the

> Published replies marked with the triangular logo are by Bill Packer, tax partner at Touche Ross, the accountant, in association with The

banking depositors protection scheme. I fully support you comment that someone ough to make sure that Stock Group clients receive some money, of Stock Group. I have almost and quickly. Stock Group were very quick to offer clients the opportunity to become clients of Fidelity Share Services. They should show the same concern in helping their ex-clients get access to their funds. I hope you will con-Darwall-Smith of Stock tipue to focus attention on this matter until a satisfactory

conclusion is reached. Yours faithfully, G. J. ALMENDRES, 9 Rockfield Close, Oxted, Surrey.

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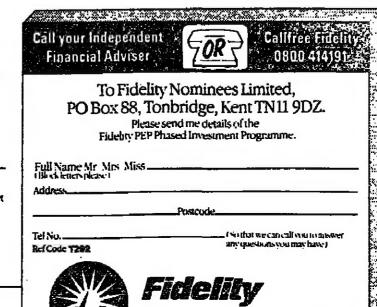
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Norwich Union has for the past four or five years announced its bonuses first and then witnessed other companies tweaking their figures to appear a mite higher in the performance table. Last year Commercial Union produced its bonuses just three hours after Norwich Union on December 14.

This year, however, Norwich Union has announced it does not want to be first. It does not want to be a stalking horse any longer. Policyholders will have to wait until January 10.

A spokesman said Norwich Union did not feel it was under any obligation to go first because it had done so for the last four or five years. Hugh Scurfield, general manager and actuary, is on record as saying that payouts for 25-year policies and longer have scope to increase, but that shorter policies will come under pressure. The company says it is policies. It is not the sentiments

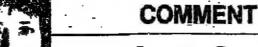
Bad news ahead on the bonus front

not expecting "substantial movements either way" on shorter term policies.

It would have suited many rivals for Norwich Union to be first again this year and establish a downward trend. The question is who will be first and how bad will their news be for investors? It could be that Commercial Union finds itself first to declare this year as its board meets on December 18 and expects to release its bonuses on that day.

One insurance company — not Norwich Union - is so nervous about what it has to reveal that it has taken the unorthodox step of offering to pay journalists to place friendly articles in national newspapers explaining why it is a good thing for bonuses to be cut.

The company is trying to prepare policyholders and insurance salesmen for bad news. It has failed. It has alerted us to the levels of dishonesty that are considered necessary to sell more



LINDSAY COOK WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

of the people locked into longterm investments that concern the industry but how they will sell policies next year if they have to admit any degree of failure this year. They should learn a little bit of the long-termism that investors are urged to adopt.

Nobody is in any doubt that high bonuses cannot be sustained in current markets, but that does not mean it is the wrong time to take out a 25-year investment.

There is greatest concern in companies about the reversionary, or annual, bonuses, which once announced are guaranteed. These affect all policies and cost most to hold at 1989 levels or to increase. Companies are faced

with the choice of paying bonuses in line with investment earnings this year or digging deep into

Terminal bonuses are paid on maturity and therefore to a much smaller number of policyholders each year. Some companies place much greater emphasis on these bonuses, as for a smaller spend they can move further up the performance tables and sell more policies in subsequent years.

The terminal bonus can account for more than 60 per cent of the final pay out. This year's chart-topping terminal bonus may help salesmen to sell policies, but it is no guarantee to investors nearing maturity that next year's will be as attractive. It will be interesting to see whether insurance companies have more concern for new sales or existing policyholders.

No excuses

The sorry saga of Stock Group investors does not improve. Every promise seems to be broken. Last month the investors who have been waiting since June to be given some of their cash back were told that details of what they were owed would be sent by the end of Compensation November. would not be far behind.

No circulars have been forthcoming. Investors who have in many cases inadvertantly been caught up in the collapse of British and Commonwealth have been told by the broker that no figures can yet be given to the board to enable compensation of up to £15,000 to be paid. The company has now discovered that it miscalculated interest payments on money deposited with British and Commonwealth Merchant Bank in the year to April 5. It has to revise its figures while the clients' patience runs out. Many of them started out as private clients of Chase Manhattan Stockbrokers and were sold on to the Stock Group in February.

The excuses must soon run out as to why the broker cannot supply basic information to the board and its clients.

Calling ban

our new types of unit trusts are to be launched next year and for once commonsense has prevailed. Salesmen will not be allowed to cold-call clients and sell the new riskier funds over the telephone.

The Securities and Investments Board proposes that salesmen should be banned from selling the futures and options, more volatile geared futures and options and warrants funds, by

Draft banking code leaves customers guessing

By LINDSAY COOK WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

A VOLUNTARY code of practice to be introduced by hanks and building societies next year will give customers new rights. However, unless it is strengthened during the three-month consultation period it will fall far short of the recommendations of the Jack Committee on banking services and subsequent white

A limit on the losses on all bank, building society and store cards to £50 is the most important proposal. This would bring cash dispenser and other cards into line with credit cards. These have a £50 statutory limit under the Consumer Credit Act. But there will still be plenty of room for dispute. The draft code states that banking services cus-tomers "may be liable for all losses if they have acted fraudulently or negligently," without actually spelling out what will be considered

Customers are told never to write their personal identification number on the card or on anything usually kept with it,

recognised by anyone else. No guidance is given on what is launch of the draft code, Sir George Blunden, the chairman of its steering committee, said disputes would still be for the banking and building soci-

eties ombudsmen to resolve. Under the code, if the card is still in the possession of the customer, he or she is likely to have to suffer any loss.

Some customers are reluctant to accept multi-function cards to back cheques or use as a debit card because banks issue personal identification numbers (PINs) to be used in cash dispensers. Under the code, customers will be given the option of whether they have a number or not.

The Jack Committee had recommended that card security could be improved by requiring customers to acknowledge receipt of new cards and numbers before they could be used. The banks and building societies have, however, decided that customers do not want this and that it would not cut down on fraud. The draft code is seeking

guidance on whether card issuers should be compelled to or in any way that could be give customers a choice of

number they choose. Many opt for a combination of their

ies give a choice now and charged should be specifically Barcisys announced this week notified in advance. Some that it is to add this service to customers can be pushed into its cards. But cardholders overdraft which normally must be careful with the means additional charges. But the draft document said:"For that minority of customers a birthdate, allowing thieves system whereby charges could who steal a handbag or brief- not be debited until, say, two

The draft code states that banking services customers may be held liable for all losses if they have acted fraudulently or negligently without actually spelling out what will be considered negligent'

diary to access accounts. Customers will be told more clearly what charges they may incur on bank accounts. The white paper stated that charges should not be debited from a customer's account without prior warning of the amount. The committee accepted that charges should not be debited unless customers "were or should have been aware of them."

case containing wallet and weeks after they were notified could be advantageous. However, it would be hard to apply such a system selectively and if it were applied to all customers would result in higher charges for all, both to cover the cost of notification and the banks' loss of earnings because of the delay."

Guy Dehn, the legal officer the National Consumer Council, said the council carstomers to be It did not feel that this

> By SARA McCONNELL BANKS and building societies are

> continuing to mail their customers

with offers of personal loans to pay off

other debts, despite warnings to members of the public from the Office

of Fair Trading not to fall into unmanageable debt, particularly over

The proposed banking code pub-

lished this week will also require

lenders to act responsibly and pru-

dently in marketing loans and to take particular care when dealing with

applications from young people aged

Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of the Office of Fair Trading, cau-tioned this week: "Christmas is

traditionally the time of the annual

peak in credit use. In November and

December 1989, credit card and fi-

nance house advances to consumers

totalled £6.98 billion and latest statis-

tics for this year indicate that borrow-

ing continues at a high level. In a

survey on the use of consumer credit

commissioned by my office a couple of years ago, a fifth of credit users said

they had taken on credit commit-

are mailed regularly by most large societies and banks and offered both

secured and unsecured loans. Secured

loans use the borrower's home as

security, which means lenders can sell

Customers considered creditworthy

ments they had later regretted."

Christmas.

levied so that they could avoid being overdrawn and incurring even more charges. Many being given details of uncleared balances on their bank statements. The original recommendation was that they should be given both cleared

and uncleared balances. The code falls short in that it expects banks to give customers full information on the cheque-clearing cycle. This may prove to be complicated. A customer who pays in a cheque will normally find it is cleared in three working days. A transfer of money from a savings account to a current account at the same branch is counted as cleared funds. A transfer of money from a savings account held at one branch to a current account of the same bank at another branch may have to go through the bank's clearing system and take three days. Mr Dehn said the council

believed bank and building society computers could give customers the option of same address. Sir George said receiving either cleared or uncleared balances. Abbey National, for example, gives customers both cleared and

are offered on the basis of a cus-

tomer's creditworthiness and gen-

erally carry a higher rate of interest

Those wanting to consolidate credit

cards or other debts into a single loan

will usually find that the interest rate

is fixed at the outset for the full term

of the loan, which can be from one to

Jean Eaglesham, senior researcher

at the Consumers' Association, said:

'It may make sense to consolidate

debts into one loan but people should

look at the total cost of credit. A loan

may look cheaper but short term

credit on credit cards is paid off more

quickly and you are not locked into a

The Alliance and Leicester Building

Society is currently mailing cus-

tomers, offering unsecured loans to consolidate other debts through Alli-

ance and Leicester Personal Finance,

Trevor Hilliard, its managing direc-

tor, said: "We don't mail specifically

to people suggesting they should do a

debt consolidation but we are saying if

people are in the market for a loan

they should consider Alliance and

Leicester. If they do need cash to pay

off expensive credit card bills we

reckon our loan would be cheaper

than most. We don't mail to people

its wholly-owned subsidiary.

than a secured loan.

five years.

Banks and building societies will be able to supply names and addresses to investment and financial subsidiaries but not details of accounts. However, Sir George, said a bank would be able to supply a list of all its personal customers with assets of £50,000 or more to an insurance subsidiary. The large banks and build-

ing societies say that the code will be confirmation of best benking practice. National Westminster and Lloyds say that card customers are already limited to £50 losses. Barclays is considering bringing in the limit early. Customers as well as banks

and consumer groups are encouraged to put their views on the code, which is available from the Banking Information Service, 10 Lombard Street, London EC3V 9AR. They have until March to submit comments to the "Code of Banking Practice," to the that weight would be given to the "sensibleness and persuasiveness of the comments not the importance of the person

Borrie fears Christmas credit trap

one month in arrears."

money you want."

Alliance and Leicester's unsecured

loan has a 23.9 per cent APR on any

loan of £2,000 or more repaid by

direct debit, but customers wanting to

make payments by another method

would be charged 25.9 per cent on any

amount. A letter to society customers

says: "If you do need cash for im-

provements round the house, new

furniture, a new kitchen or bathroom,

a car or for paying off expensive credit

card bills, this loan could be the

quickest and simplest way to get the.

The rates initially look cheap

compared with those charged by

credit cards, but if a borrower decides

to pay off such loans early there is

usually a penalty. Lloyds' Access card

carries a rate of 26.8 per cent APR

while Midland charges 32.1 per cent.

Barclaycard users pay 27.8 per cent APR for credit and 28.1 per cent APR

for cash advances. However, credit

card issuers say that these rates will be

cut if, as looks likely, interest rates fall

another couple of points and bor-

rowers will not be locked into these

Ian Overgage, marketing manager of Save and Prosper, said: "We will

see a reaction to the cut in interest

rates although we would normally



Farewell to Serps may pay as pension day approaches

By WEEKEND MONEY STAFF

PEOPLE who have contracted gives a higher guaranteed out of the state earnings pension than a contribution related pension scheme (Seros) could lose out if they plan. are not advised to contract back in as they approach

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Pension providers calculate that women aged up to age 40 the Government Actuary estiand men up to age 45 would be mated this figure could reach better off contracted out of five million. Changes in-Serps, but that above this age the state scheme generally contracting out to invest a

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invested in a personal pension

This week the National Audit Office said that four million people had contracted out of Serps since 1988 and rebate from their national insurance contributions in a personal pension. At the moment the rebate is 5.8 per cent on earnings of between £2.392 and £18,200, plus a further 2 per cent incentive to contract out until 1993. David Barley, pension

marketing manager at Legal and General, said: "People have been attracted by rebate only schemes and it pays for men up to 45 to contract out. We think women should contract back in at 37 as they will retire earlier. There comes a point where contributions will buy more in Serps because the government promises a guar-anteed amount of benefit whereas a private plan relies on the return on investment. People have to take a view on investment performance."

Legal and General writes to its 300,000 policyholders contracted out of Serps when it thinks they should consider contracting back in. Another large provider, the Prudential, which has 500,000 contracted out policybolders, relies on the salesmen who sold the contracts to advise people.

People who bought their contracts through independent financial advisers need to check for themselves when they would benefit more from contracting back in. The Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers' Regulatory Association (Fimbra), the watchdeg for independent advisers, confirmed that independents were not obliged to teil policyholders they

should go back into Scrps. People in a contracted out money purchase occupational scheme reaching the relevant ages should also consider contracting back into Serps.

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offered investors willing to put advances to home owners and a minimum of £250,000 into small builders. the scheme a 20 per cent will be repaid. National West- return. In the early days of the Brandon Finance and Walford November 19, said it was

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Banks and building societies offering personal loans point out that locking into a fixed rate loan can benefit customers when interest rates

A Barclays spokeswoman said: "It can work both ways and people have to assess the rates at the time."

Barclays and the Halifax will not offer unsecured loans for debt consolidation and say they do not actively promote the option of consolidating debts with a secured loan, although this is available. NatWest said it stopped advertising credit facilities 18 months ago but it still mails customers with offers of

secured and unsecured loans. A NatWest spokesman said: "We took a conscious decision to be more reactive. We are providing a service for our customers and found they did not want unsecured loans, particularly as interest rates have been very high. Our last mailing to selected customers was in October."

A Halifax spokesman said: "We offer a roll-up facility with a secured loan. At the moment the rate is 18.9 per cent but this is variable and reviewed from time to time. We have written to our borrowers when we know they can afford it and we are considering a spring mailing."

Doors finally close at Castlegate

ings and five subsidiary companies went into creditors' voluntary liquidation on Tuesday at the request of Roy V/harton, the group chairman (Sara McConnell writes).

The companies due to be wound up at a creditors' meeting at Reading, Berkshire, on December 19 are Castlegate Group Holdings, Castlegate Securities, Castlegate Administrative Services. Castlegate Financial Services (Reading), Castlegate Insurance Brokers (Reading) and Walford Finance.

Michael Hardy and Co, the estate agent, another Castlegate subsidiary, bas been sold. Mr Wharton has called in Radford, Sons and Co, a Southampton accountant, as liquidator, but it is normal practice for the liquidator to be ratified by the creditors.

Michael Radford, senior partner at the liquidator's said it was not yet clear what the financial position of the Castlegate companies was. But he added: "Mr Wharton is confident that all the money

atively small sum of money." for the plan. The money was Castlegate Securities, one of used to set up limited comthe subsidiaries of the Castle- panies owned by the investors gate Group, operated the Cap- and these companies made ital Fund Owners' Plan, which second and third mortgage

Two of these companies, minster Bank is owed a rel- scheme smaller sums qualified. Finance, went into admin- acting for a bank that was completed One, 11pm).

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now in voluntary liquidation. A further two, Applied Finance and Advance Financing, were taken into administrative receivership on Oct-

Castlegate guaranteed advances made by the companies to borrowers.

The Capital Fund Owners Plan brochure promised: "Every advance made to borrowers is fully secured by a mortgage on residential pro-

Furthermore, Castlegate also guarantees these mortgages so full capital protection is assured."

Mr Radford said: "If might be. Casticgate had a recourse agreement with these companies to cover them when borrowers let them down and Castlegate cannot keep this agreement, investors might have a claim against Castle-

Sorsky Specialised Financial Services, which was appointed joint administrative receiver for Brandon Finance

week and Walford Finance is companies. Harold Sorsky, a partner, said the companies borrowed money from the bank which they in turn lent out as mortgage advances on 60 properties.

the security of property and Castlegate's guarantees, but it appears that the valuations on the properties were inflated and now everyone is defaulting," he said.

Price Waterhouse, the chartered accountants, said that where a creditor's voluntary liquidation was applied for it normally meant that a company was insolvent or that there was a concern that it

It was not always clear at the outset whether a company was insolvent or not, it added.

The spokesman said the position of investors would depend on individual circumstances.

The Thames Valley Fraud Squad is investigating Castlegate and its subsidiaries in conjunction with the Serious Fraud Office. The officer in and Walford Finance on charge said it would be some months before enquiries were

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A would-be pop star who struck a chord on supermarket stage

ohn Hardman is an unlikely pop star. The chairman of Asda, Britain's third largest supermarket group, is a small, round man with glasses and a bluff Liverpudlian style.

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It is easier to imagine him pushing a wolley round one of his stores on a Saturday morning than strutting his stuff in the pubs and clubs of Liverpool on a Saturday night. But as the driving force behind The Zenith Four, Mr Hardman rocked with the best of them. John Lennon was a fellow classmate at Quarry Bank High

"Everyone in Liverpool had a group at that time," says Hardman, "You couldn't not have a group. It was me and a couple of friends of mine who were dockers and one pal from round the corner. We were really terrible. We'd practice for hours and hours but we would get worse rather than better. 'Diana' was the hit record at the time and we used to scream it out. We did about six shows, well six little bashes, and then embarrassment overtook us and we packed it in."

The career of the budding rock star ended when Hardman's father demolished the guitar in a fit of rage after the young John had been out late. But Hardman still cherishes a fantasy from the old days. "Given more time who knows,"he says nostalgically. "If you listen to the Beatles' early stuff it was pretty dreadful too."

As a schoolboy Hardman was a reluctant scholar, wilfully ignorant. It is an epithet which some of his critics in the City believe has a relevance today. Hardman is not, by his own admission, a man for detail, preferring the broader picture. "I like to do things at my pace in my time," he says. "I don't like to be disciplined or organised." He can be stubborn.

He is an engaging man with an open, honest approach and friends speak of him fondly. Noel Stockdale, the ex-chairman of Asda who appointed Hardman as finance rector in the early 1980s, says: "He is a first class man, a super fellow, straight as a die." Derek Hunt, chairman of MFL, which used to be part of the Asda group, says: "He's got a wicked sense of humour and the sort of mind that graspa wide issues quickly. He's very bright but he's also modest. People see him as a Liverpool lad, but he's much, much more,"

If Hardman is an unlikely pop star, he is in many ways an unlikely chairman of one of Britain's biggest companies. He has none of the pomposity and little of the solemnity which goes with the job. His interests are broader than many of his peers and he is not afraid to admit that he likes having a good time outside work, on the golf course and supporting Liverpool football club.

"I'm the sort of person who enjoys life," he says. "I see these career guys working in business today, working and worrying. You have to have a life outside. Life isn't just about the pursuit of pleasure but you have to get some fun." His critics say he is "lightweight". Derek Hunt counters that saying: "He's a man who knows his own weaknesses and com-

pensates for them." "The British business community actually works very hard. Much harder than its French, By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

-BUSINESS-

John Hardman

counterpart. Perhaps not as hard as the Japanese but then they are seriously different from us," says Hardman.

He is working harder than ever at present in an attempt to put Asda back on the right track and regain the confidence of the City. Last year was a poor year for the group and 1990 has not been much easier.

The Canadian Belzberg brothers took a threatening stake in the business, the group's results were disappointing and, in April this year, the shares fell to an eightyear low of 88p. There was criticism of the £705 million acquistion of 61 superstores from Gateway and expensive problems with the central distribution sys-tem. Two institutional shareholders were unsupportive and there were calls for his resignation.

Hardman is a fighter, but even so he is not immune to the criticism he has faced. "There was a time when people were going round saying the management's rubbish, and that ain't on. It's not true and it's not fair. It's bloody

"The last six years have been the hardest I've ever had in my life. They've knocked some of the carefree spirit out of me. It's my innate Liverpudlianism, my sense of humour, that keeps me going. I hate to lose," he says.

ardman is convinced he will regain the ground Asda lost to Sainsbury, Tesco and Safeway in the late Seventies. Derek Hunt, who worked closely with Hardman at Asda, also believes the current superstore formula is right. "He is still following the five-year plan he put in place in 1987 and he is doing the right thing," says Hunt. "He has had a lot of adversity but he's a sticker and a survivor. Eventually companies get the share rating they deserve and I believe Asda is a good bet for the future."-

The City is still divided on the issue and Hardman's profile is not the strongest. "I don't know why he doesn't shine in the City," says Hunt. Philip Dorgan, food retail analyst at Goldman Sachs, says: patch and John Hardman has faced a testing time. They are doing all the right things now and the shares should be bought for

But some analysts and institutional investors retain doubts about the quality of the management, the quality of the store portfolio and the £900 million of debt. Most agree that Hardman cannot afford to make any more mistakes but they also believe he has survived the worst. In the City's eyes he is slowly being

John Nimrod Hardman was born in Liverpool on October 8, 1939, the only son in a family of six daughters. Hardman had a happy childhood. It was a domestic scene which was never boring. "There was always something going on, usually mayhem. You had to look after yourself from a very early age otherwise you were downtrodden by the rest of the herd. My sisters would say I was spoiled. I would say I was terror-

ised," says Hardman, His father, Harry, used to run Vernons Pools and was the man who invented the triple chance. His mother, Florence, was an exceilent card player and Hardman himself enjoys gambling. He has a stake in two racehorses, one of which, Sir Harry Hardman, won the Cartier Challenge in September at Pheonix Park in Dublin, netting the four-man syndicate £140,000. He still keeps closely in touch with his family and has friends who date back to his Liverpool primary school days.

Despite spending more time on the football and cricket pitches than in academic study, Hardman did well enough in his final exams to go to Liverpool University where he studied economics. "I went to university out of sheer fear of the outside world," he says.

"I went to Liverpool University because I was playing football in Liverpool and that was pretty serious. In Liverpool playing football was a natural thing to do. I wish I were fit enough to play one-



Apart yet together: John Hardman and wife Joan, far from the London he has no time for, at their home in Wetherby

ter Jake, to America, firstly Pennsylvania and then New York. They returned five years later. "At the end of the day I wanted to come home," he says. "It sounds a bit wimpish but it's true. The only place I ever wanted to live was the north of England. I didn't want my children to grow up Americans."
He has a house in Wetherby, West

Yorkshire. It is his only property

and when he travels to London he

stays in botels. "I wouldn't live in

London for all the tea in China."

he says. "It's all right to visit if you

On returning to Britain, he moved to Oriel Foods which

James Gulliver, the Scottish en-

trepreneur, had built up and sold to RCA. It was there that he met

John Fletcher, who now runs

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and-half hours' good football at a decent amateur level again."

He left university and joined a firm of chartered accountants called Duncan, Watson & Short. "Knowing your way around a profit and loss account and a palance sheet is useful, but it's not the end of the world," he says. "I cherish the times I had as an articled clerk in Liverpool, Some of the things we got up to were mind-boggling. I suppose we were reasonably wall-educated juvenile delinquents looking for any reason to let off steam.

It was while he was training to be an accountant that he met his wife Joan, a stewardess with British Airways. They started going out together whenever she was home and they married 25 years ago. "It's worked out terrifitestimony to Josn's fortitude," he says. "The saving grace of our marriage is that we haven't seen that much of each other. We've never lived on top of each other. She's one of these people who is quite happily independent and we don't put a lot of pressure on each

He says he is the type of person who gets bored easily, which was one of the reasons he left accountancy to take up the challenge of general management, joining the Radio Corporation of America in 1966. He helped to run a company manufacturing picture tubes for televisions until it was put out of business by Japanese competition

He stayed with RCA, moving his family, which by this time included his son Mike and daugh-

Hardman knew that RCA wanted to sell the business and he and Fletcher put together a management buyout proposal. Gulliver pipped them to it and bought his old business back. Fletcher went off to become managing director of Asda stores and Hardman followed some months later as finance director. It was his first real experience of

> Asda, which at the time was known as Associated Dairies, was a profitable business but Hardman ensed that the momentum which had fixelled its growth was running out. He describes it as a "highly self-congratulatory organisation" which benefited from baving a monopoly in some areas of the

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The accounts were produced once a quarter, three months after the quarter end. "It was a very old fashioned business," says Hardman. There was no plan for the future. It had a big price advantage over the competiton but every year it was being eroded. It was fine while there was no competiton because it was like a bloody big Aladdin's cave."

His diagnosis of the business was not shared by Fleicher, "John didn't want to know," says Hardman. "He was very aloof. As each year went by the arguments got more and more profound. We

missed an amazing opportunity in the late Seventues and early Eighties to stamp our mark. Asda stood still at a time when Sainsbury and Tesco were on the move. We kept arguing about what to do and that arguing only stopped when John was fired." Hardman stepped into Fletch-

er's shoes. Their relationship was irreparably damaged. "If you were to interview John Fletcher today I think he would say that I was the guy who shafted him. But I was not saying anything to others that I wasn't saying to him. There was no back stabbing," says Hardman. Fletcher refuses to talk about the

ut Hardman insists he is no politician. "I can't understand politics in business. I don't understand what it is that motivates people to be politicians. I think they want something out of business which business can't give them. I don't like people trying to manipulate me." Nevertheless it was nothing short of a boardroom coup which put him where he is

He admits that there is still a long way to go at Asda and he intends to stay with the business until he has finished the job. "I have a burning ambition to get Asda right," he says. Of the 200 stores now in the portfolio only 95 have been refurbished in the new Asda style.

But he does not intend to retire at Asda, "Once we've cracked it I'd probably be a bloody nuisance as a chairman," he says. He is not sure what he will do next. "I'm 51 and I'm still trying to work out what I want to do with the rest of my life. I won't go into graceful retirement and I don't want to become a non-executive buff either. I want to do a job." His dream is to tour the golf courses of

He has few regrets in life but admits to a feeling of guilt that he has not been as good a parent as be might have been. Apart from the racehorses and a Daimler there are few luxuries. He earned £231,000 last year, taking a £30,000 pay cut to reflect the fall in Asda's profits. We live very well indeed but it's

Britain with his son.

not a high life," he says.
"I don't want to be beholden to anyone. I rather live and die by my own judgment than anyone else's. I don't like bosses, that's why I'm a boss. I probably should have worked for myself. I like calling the shots. It's not because I want to be powerful, it's because I don't want anyone to mess me about.

"But I don't like people thinking I'm important, it makes me feel uncomfortable. I'm glad I wasn't a

US legal ethics go on trial

AT ANY hour of the day and often the night, America's courts are filled with lawyers demanding six-figure sums in damages on behalf of clients who suffered mishaps while engaged in driving the defendant's car, eating his food, travelling on his airline or generally using any other product in some manner.

Correspondents can earn their keep just regaling readers with tales of the more outrageous awards granted in personal injury cases. New York juries have, for example, recently handed out tens of millions of dollars of taxpayers' money to compensate citizens who had the bad luck to trip on or drive into the many potholes on

the public thoroughfare. This month, the suspicions of many Americans about the ethics of the legal profession have been hardened with the trial of a prominent New York law firm on extensive criminal charges. Proscontors allege that Morris Eisen and associates resorted to schemes of breath-taking audacity to falsify the evidence and win millions for their clients and, of course, for themselves, thanks to the "contingency fee" system under which lawyers keep a cut of the winnings.

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The Eisen firm, says the prosecution, lived up to everyone's caricature of the ambulancechasing" lawyers of comedy films. it alleges they kept drawers full of blank stationery on which they wrote their own medical reports and that they "took care of" judges and used paper bags stuffed with cash to pay an array of experts and professional witnesses to testify on

In one ingenious ploy, they were alleged to have used a shrunken fuler in photographs that exagscrated the size of offending potholes in cases against the city Council. The lawyers "were really limited only by their own imagina-

CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK



Pitfall: New York roadworks

tions", as they invented injuries, fabricated evidence and bought false testimony, said Jerome Roth, the prosecutor.

Among witnesses, the prosecution is calling Arnold Lustig, who made a living as something of a professional passer-by. He tesnified he happened to be driving past scenes of alleged accidents and could always swear that he saw the pothole just where the victim said it was. As an example of the firm's ethics, the Eisen lawyers were alleged to have ordered their assistants into lifts with members of the jury to win

Many of the tales come from Stephen DiJoseph, a former managing lawyer at the firm who has turned state's witness. But Mr lawyer was disbarred.

C A P I T A L Eigen and his associates are not taking the charges lying down. They plan to call experts and witnesses with a view to showing the jury that the prosecutors bought or coerced their own witnesses. The federal government was trying to send a message, thundered the chief lawyer for the lawyers. "Don't win too much money and don't fight too hard

> With all the lawyers involved, it is not surprising that the trial is expected to last between four and six months. If convicted, the Eisen practice could find itself behind bars for about two decades.

> Theirs is far from the only case of allegedly crooked lawyers to hit the headlines in recent months. As times become harder, more and more lawyers are succumbing to the temptation to take their own clients for a ride. The New York state bar has already paid out \$4.4 million from a special fund this year in compensation for the

malfeasance of its own members. Such cases have included that of Lawrence Patterson, a Pennsylvania lawyer, who pocketed \$225,000 be won in damages for a client whose brother was killed in an air crash. Mr Patterson never told the client that he had won the

The most creative piece of legal thievery to come to light was committed by a New York lawyer who inserted an imaginary heiress into an illiterate client's will. When the client died, the fictional relative came in for half the estate and the lawyer almost got away with it, according to an account in The Wall Street Journal. When the family demanded proof, the lawyer disguised himself as the woman and checked into a local hotel. But the receptionist grew suspicious of the mysterious woman in sunglasses and reported her to police. The

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Stags are roaring to sell

MORE than eight million people have applied for electricity shares and many have already made arrangements to make sure they can sell their allocations on Tuesday afternoon as soon as dealing starts.

Brokers report that up to 70 per cent of applicants are planning to stag the issue in the hope of quick profits. Many have learned a lesson from the water flotation and have spread their applications over several or all of the companies instead of applying for a large number of shares in rust one ____

Rock steady



The former driving force behind The Zenith Four pop group is now chairman of Asda supermarkets. John Hardman tells Gillian Bowditch how his pop career came to an abrupt end when his father broke his guitar, and how he overcame his disappointment by rising to the top of Britain's third largest supermarket chain..... Page 41

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A new code of practice urges banks to limit hability for all lost or stolen cards to £50 unless customers have been negligent, a move which is generally welcomed by banks. But the code does not make it clear how negligence should

Loan trap

Building societies and banks are continuing to offer unsecured loans for consolidating other debts into one. Customers can find themselves locked into higher rates for longer periods, with pen-alties for paying off the loan

Castlegate closes Castlegate, the Reading firm that offered 20 per cent investment returns, has gone into voluntary liquidation at the request of Roy Wharton, its chairman Page 40

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God moves in mysterious ways and compensates Sydney Donald for falling masonry from a Methodist church. But it nearly ended up in the small claims court. All is revealed in readers' letters Page 39

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Banks and building societies such as Lloyds, Cheltenham & Gloucester, Bank of Scotland and Chelsea are devising more offers to persuade people to invest in TessasPage 39

THE SUNDAY TIMES New broom at BTR

"In Australia, the word is that Alan Jackson walks on water. Who else, they say, could have transformed an obscure hose and belting manufacturer into the country's second-biggest company in little more than a decade?" The new head of BTR. in The Sunday Times

tomorrow.

Inheritors cash in on rise in property values

for Forecasting estimates that 50 per cent of people over 50 will inherit £50,000 or more. Last year, £14.7 billion was inherited by British families, and a report carried out by the centre for the Household Mortgage Corporation, published this week, shows that the amount of property being passed on is rising rapidly (Lindsay Cook writes).

In 1980 bricks and mortar accounted for £2.16 billion of the inheritances received in Britain; this year, the figure is expected to be £7.92 billion. By the end of the century the Healey centre calculates £28.79 billion worth of property will be passed on from one generation to the next. In the past, homes have made up approximately half of the total inherited each year. If this continues, by the year 2000, the annual inheritance for British families

is likely to pass £55 billion.

The one million council house sales over the last decade were one factor in the increase in inheritance value. These sales had slowed since the peak years, but Duncan Young, HMC managing director, said the long-term effect of the policy of selling council houses would be dramatic. "Our figures show that even in 1989 more wanting to buy them means that the value of these homes is going to rise by more than the rate of inflation.

HMC, along with other financial in-stitutions, is keen to know how much is being inherited because it is a crucial factor in people's total incomes. Mr Young continued: "It may well be that, as people inherit, the savings that were invested in homes rather than the economy over the past ten years will move in the opposite direction

In the past, some of the inherited money had gone towards property purchase. This was thought to be particularly the case in 1988, when house prices in the Southeast rose to more than five times annual earnings. Usually the ratio is less than four. Many first-time buyers were putting down larger than expected deposits on properties, indicating that inherited money was in some cases bypassing a

The latest survey, an update on 1988, suggests that 48 per cent of money inherited will be invested. People throughout the country were asked what they would spend £20,000 on if they inherited such a sum. Almost half, 48 per

IT IS not only the meck who are their tenants. The fact that there are fewer inheriting the earth. The Henley Centre homes in Britain than there are people would spend it on housing, while another on the previous year. would spend it on housing, while another 4 per cent would buy things for their home. One in ten would share the money with their family and 7 per cent would

> The HMC spokesman said that two factors could change the amount of property inherited in the next few years. The first was an improvement in home income plan schemes, which allow elderly people to use part of the value of their home to produce an income. A great many old people wanted to realise such money, but tax restrictions prevented them. An increase in the use of such schemes would reduce the amount to be inherited, particularly in the Southeast. It would also increase the number of

> wealthy older people. The increasing trend towards longer mortgage periods and interest-only loans would mean that more people would die with a mortgage still to be paid off from the proceeds of the sale of the family

> The annual heritable wealth survey produced by Smee and Ford, probate specialists, shows that not only is the total amount inherited increasing, but the size of individual estates is also rising fast. In the last survey 453 wills involved £1

ship and rising property prices in the Seventies and Eighties have contributed most to this. The difference in house prices between the north and south and the uneven spread of home ownership throughout the country mean that inheritance also varies. Home ownership has exceeded 70 per cent in the Southeast, while in Scotland just over 50 per cent of homes are owner-occupied.

In the north, it is still possible to buy terraced family homes for £35,000 to £40,000, whereas in Greater London average prices are nearing £90,000. The average Greater London estate was £87,000 last year, compared with £45,000 in the Northeast. These averages do not include disposals made seven years before death to escape inheritance tax, which is charged at 40 per cent on estates worth more than £128,000. Only 22,000 estates are expected to pay inheritance tax this year, with a total £1 billion for collection.

At the Halifax Building Society, Gary Marsh, head of planning and research, said that the ultimate equity release was when people died and their homes were sold. There was evidence that some of the money went back into the property

will be much more important in the Nineties as the people who bought their first homes after the Second World War begin to die," said Mr Marsh. "The majority of people want to save money that is inherited and there is a limited amount of paying off mortgages, but not

Mr Marsh said that few people inherited the whole family home. They usually shared it with brothers and sisters or cousins. In such cases, the property had to be sold and the beneficiaries had to make a decision about investment.

The average house price in the UK is £67,000 and the majority of properties are inherited by two or three people, giving them each £22,000, ideal for building societies. Gradually some of the money might be transferred elsewhere but societies tend to be the first parking place."

As most inheritors were in their late forties or fifties, pensions were often considered a suitable investment. The tax incentives for people who have not provided fully for their old age made a pension an attractive option. Many inheritors tended towards cautious investment with money received from parents because they knew it was worked hard for

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Hunting around can run heirs to ground

"TO WHOM it may concern: a fortune has been left to you in a relative's will." Such advertisements appear regularly in newspapers throughout Britain. Yet hundreds of people never discover the large sums of money that have been left to them in wills (Lindsay Cook writes).

Increasingly, British families are growing apart and losing touch. llezitimate children often do not know who their parents are. When a relative dies and leaves them money they do not hear about it.

Enter the tracing agencies. They are growing businesses throughout Britain, Executors and legal firms are using them more and more to trace all the beneficiaries of estates. For a percentage of the legacy involved or for a fee, they will go to extraordinary lengths to find missing nephews and nieces. George Hooper and Sons, the

biggest of three tracing agencies, has been going since 1923. It now handles between 200 and 300 estates a year, sometimes searchand occasionally for an entire family. Roger Hooper, grandson of the founder and the present head of the firm, said it is an increasingly important business.

"We specialise in tracing un-

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

wills or where the beneficiaries have moved," he said. "We try to untangle the mess. In one case we had to find 125 cousins who were all entitled to a share of £40,000. Some did not even get into double figures when it was all sorted out." One of the complications is that

tracing agencies cannot stop when they have found a few beneficiaries. Once they have started they must find them all, and prove in law that they have done so. The case of Dorothea Allen, a millionairess who died having

'Ouite often cases are just a mystery. The person dies

having eliminated all of their past' destroyed all evidence of her background, attracted publicity this summer when her home and the amount involved was large, the circumstances were not very musual, according to Mr Hooper.

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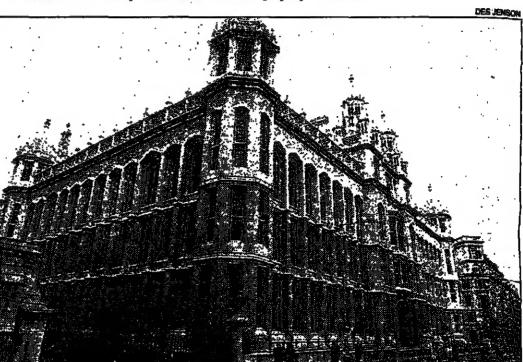
state," he said. The largest estate handled by Hooper's was more than £300,000. The firm was able to trace all the beneficiaries.

"We are going to get an increa in the number of cases where it is difficult to trace beneficiaries because of the problems of illegitimacy, Illegitimate children are not ruled out of benefiting from an estate, but often they cannot identify who their parents are. The number of illegitimate births is now running at 20 per cent to 25 per cent of the total."

Adopted children are treated in law in the same way as the natural children of the family that adopts them. But they lose any rights to the estate of their natural parents.

Mr Hooper said that his company's searches extended all over the world. The firm has an office in Toronto, Canada, and agents in most countries. "We often help them with their tracing and they reciprocate when we need to make enquiries further afield."

because people do not make a will or because the wording is imprecise. "Any lawyer should be able to advise a client to make sure that the intentions are clear, but we still have to find people when a will says 'to my good friend John



Popular venue: the Public Record Office in Chancery Lane where wills may be read free of charge

Brown' with an address from 50

"In other cases a will might say 'I leave everything equally be-tween my brothers and sisters'. There might be no names and we would have to trace all the brothers and sisters, and often their children if the brothers and

People who feel they may have been left money by a relative can trace it themselves through the Public Record Office. Wills, inventories, death duty registers and other probate records may be read free of charge at the office in Chancery Lane, London WC2. They are on microfilm and a

photocopying service is available. Those people who cannot visit the search rooms themselves can send details by post of the name, address and approximate date of death to the office. Since 1858 a copy of every will proved has been lodged at the Principal Registry of the Family Division, Somerset House, Strand, London, These include royal wills. In 1948 Princess Victoria Louise left an estate of £52,435 12s 9d, for example.

When an estate passes to the Crown because no will is made and there are no known kin, relatives have up to 30 years after the death to make a claim. These should be made to the Treasury solicitor if the deceased lived in of England and Wales, the solicitor to the Duchy of Lancaster for

'We have to find people when a will says 'to my good friend' with a 50 year old address'

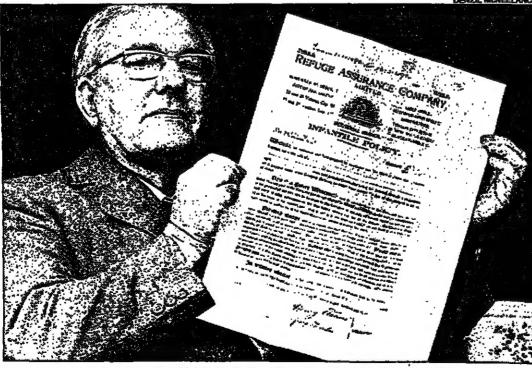
those who lived in Lancashire, the solicitor to the Duchy of Cornwall for those who lived in Cornwall and the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Rembrancer for those who lived in Scotland.

Most of the 2,000 estates dealt with by the Treasury solicitor's office each year involve small sums. Claimants who think they are entitled to a share in one of the estates should write giving their full name and address, the basis of their claim, the full name of the deceased person, the date of death, last known address and age. The Public Record Office warns people against relying on the statements of unclaimed money

agents and points out that the Supreme Court of Judicature has no such agents. It recommends nt advice soo taken before making a payment to any agency to secure money alleged to be in court.

A list of dormant funds paid into the Chancery Court for heirs who cannot be traced can be inspected by any member of the public at the offices of the court funds division, Public Trust Office, 22 Kingsway, London WC2. ☐ The Solicitor to the Ducky of Cornwall, 10 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6LA; The Solicitor to the Duchy of Lancaster, Lan-caster Place, Strand, London WC2 7ED: The Treasury Solicitor (BV), Queen Anne's Chambers, 27 Broadway, London SW1H 935; and the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Rembrancer, Crown Office, 5/7 Regent Road, Edinburgh

Penny a week policy worth a mere £15 after 98 years



Penny wise: David Chaffer with his mother's policy taken out when she earned £1.75 a week was increased to £40, but he is still

BENEFICIARIES of "penny a week" policies can be disappointed when they find the proceeds of the matured policies have not increased since they were taken out at the turn of the century (Sara McConnell writes).

David Chaffer, a Weekend Money reader, discovered that a policy for £15, taken out on his mother's life with Refuge Assurance in 1891, was still worth only £15 when his mother died 98 years

Mr Chaffer's mother, Jessie Chaffer, had paid a penny a week into the policy. When she retired in 1955, Mr Chaffer took over nayment of the policy.

"Insurance companies do not want to know about these policies," said Mr Chaffer.
"But my mother was one of eight children. She earned £! 15s a

week as a teacher in Norfolk, she paid 30s for lodgings and had 5s for everything else. "A penny was quite a lot of money for her." He rejected Refuge Assurance's

offer of £19.80 and wrote to the

not satisfied Keith Hartley, head of marketing at Refuge Assurance, said that the policy was a non-profit policy

with a sum assured of £15. Non-profit policies have no yearly bonuses adding to the sum assured, although under the Industrial Assurance Act 1928 a terminal bonus has to be paid out. The terminal bonus on the £15 policy was £4.80, making a total of

Mr Hartley added that payments on the policy had lapsed for the last five years of Mrs Chaffer's life but that Refuge had reinstated the policy voluntarily.

We had no need to reinstate this policy but the company bends over backwards to keep away from any sort of ill-feeling. "All we want to do is close the

book on this policy," he said. Mr Chaffer said he was surprised to receive so little from the Refuge policy when a penny a week policy from the Prudential. taken out at the same time, paid out more than £100 because it was a with profits policy. A spokes-

man for the Prudential said that a penny a week policy taken out in 1890 and maturing in 1990 would have paid out £132.47 because it earned yearly bonuses and a terminal bonus on maturity.

Two years ago the Prudential stopped collecting the small weekly premiums from holders of policies more than 40 years old, although it will continue to pay out full benefits and the policies remain in force.

"It was a question of sheer economics," said the spokesman.
"We notified everyone individnally and issued them with an endorsement to show the policy was still in force."

Figures from the Association of British Insurers show that premium income on penny a week policies for 1985 to 1989 totalled £1.35 million.

But Chris Hamer, manager at the Insurance Ombudsman Bu-reau, said: "You are not going to get a lot of money from these policies at the end of the day. The policy terms are laid down and you have to read the terms of the policy properly."

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